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Weapons and equipment were seized when police stopped a truck north of Vancouver.

More arrests loom in bomb campaign

By IAN MULGREW and LORNE SLOTNICK

Metro Toronto Police say more arrests and charges are coming as a result of evidence gathered in a massive police operation which led to charges against five Vancouver area residents involving a widespread campaign of sabotage.

"There is no doubt that some or all of those charged will be charged in the bombing" of Litton Systems Canada Ltd.'s plant in Rexdale, Ont., on Oct. 14, "and there is no doubt that some persons residing in Ontario will be charged in connection with Litton," said Staff-Superintendent Jack Webster of the Metro Toronto police in an interview yesterday.

The five arrested on Thursday morning, all in their 20s, face 15 charges each. The charges involve the bombing of a B.C. Hydro substation, attacks on three Red Hot Video stores offering pornographic tapes for rent and an alleged conspiracy to sabotage the Canadian Forces Base at Cold Lake, Alta.

The bombing at the Litton plant, which produces the guidance system for the U.S. military's cruise missile, injured seven people and caused about $6-million in damage. The Cold Lake base is the site of the planned testing of the cruise missile. B.C. Hydro's Dunsmuir substation, on Vancouver Island, has been the subject of protests by environmentalists.

Police said the group, four of whom lived in the same house in New Westminster, had been under surveillance for seven weeks. But police are evidently not ready yet to lay charges over the Litton attack.

The five were arrested on an isolated stretch of mountainous highway about 65 kilometres north of Vancouver by heavily-armed tactical police masquerading as a road repair crew.

Police said the group was heading to a secluded area north of

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arrests coming soon, police say

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nce Unit and several lower main- d Royal Canadian Mounted Po- e detachments.

n estimated 2,000 pounds of high losives had been seized earlier.

le said the intensive investiga- of the five included surveil- ce and wire taps. "We used ev- scientific means at our dispos- but the basic ingredient was old ioned police work. . . . We did infiltrate the group. . . . They e skilled in what they did."

taff-Supt. Webster said Toronto ce have talked to scores of peo- in the Litton investigation, in- ling many involved in the peace vement who were outraged that ce would think they had any- g to do with a violent act.

ne Toronto police source said erday he stood by an earlier ement that police got what they ted from raiding the offices of ps such as the Cruise Missile version Project, which has conducted non-violent civil disobedience at the Litton plant. "We learned a lot. . . . We could have used a little more, but whatever we got was fruitful."

But Robert Penner, a Cruise Missile Conversion Project activist, said in an interview that the raids were "politically motivated harassment. . . . Let them back up their claims. We haven't seen one shred of evidence."

There were no political tracts in the seized material shown reporters in Vancouver yesterday afternoon, only a crudely printed sign reading "Mutate Now Avoid the Post Bomb Rush." The how-to books included Firearm Silencers, World Guide to Gun Parts and Underwater Demolition Team.

There were hundreds of rounds of various kinds of ammunition, a milk crate filled with six-inch lengths of rubber tubing with protruding spikes for puncturing tires, three folding, fully automatic Rugger .223-calibre mini-14 firearms, shotguns, shoulder holsters, knives, walkie-talkies, a chrome-plated .44-magnum revolver, several other large-calibre handguns and a police riot shotgun without a stock.

There was also a box containing wiring, tape, electric equipment and a pocket watch with wires attached to it. A child's yellow plastic "E.T." lunch bucket had been modified inside with pieces of wood to carry some unknown device.

At the press conference police refused to describe the five as anything but extremists who operated under the names Direct Action and Wimmin's Fire Brigade.

A two-page manifesto delivered to news media shortly after the substation on Vancouver Island was demolished by explosives on May 31 was signed Direct Action. It claimed that the blast, which caused almost $5-million damage, was "the best contribution we can make toward protecting the earth and stuggling for a liberated society."

Squamish to practice firing the arsenal of weapons they were carrying in a stolen pick-up truck. The three men and two women did not resist arrest.

The charges also include conspiracy to rob a Brinks armored car; conspiracy to use explosives to damage the Cheekye-Dunsmuir powerline and the ice breaker Terry Fox (now under construction in Vancouver); conspiracy to sabotage aircraft, radar equipment and fuel tanks at Cold Lake; possession of restricted and prohibited weapons; possession of explosives; car theft and possession of stolen property.

Charged were Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Richard Hannah, 26, Ann Brit Hansen, 29, Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20, all of New Westminster, and Douglas David Stewart, 25, of Vancouver.

Staff-Supt. Webster said Toronto police had no part in the arrest but the two leaders of the 30-member Toronto police squad assembled to track down the Litton bombers were in British Columbia to pool information with police on the West Coast. "They're there to evaluate the information that comes out," he said, adding they would present the evidence to Crown attorneys who would decide who would be charged with what.

He said he could not say when charges over Litton would be laid because "so much material was seized and it will have to be gone over minutely."

In a small, crowded courtroom yesterday morning, the five accused were remanded until Wednesday for a show-cause hearing. As they were led in dressed in blue, police coveralls, a woman in the crowd jumped to her feet and saluted them with a clenched fist.

Lawyer Stan Guenther, who is representing some of the accused, said he would not provide any information about their backgrounds until he had talked with them at length today. He was highly critical of police conduct in the affair.

"The police are giving out a good deal of information and attempting to try this in the press," he said.

Most of the five are known in left-wing political circles in Vancouver.

While the arrests were being made, other policemen were raiding homes and a business in Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster. They seized an arsenal of weapons, false identification, disguises, camping equipment, electronic gear, a police scanner and a number of books on self-defence and weaponry.

Neighbors of the four living in New Westminster said they kept to themselves and were not well known. Police told neighbors three weeks ago not to get friendly with the four.

The operation was carried out by the Joint Forces Operation, the investigative arm of B.C.'s Co-ordinated Law Enforcement Unit, with the help of Vancouver City Police, the Vancouver Integrated Intelli-

Daring ruse caught Litton suspects cold

By **Jim Emmerson** and
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A television script writer couldn't have made the arrest of five suspected Litton bombers any more dramatic, an RCMP spokesman says.

Ten policemen disguised as highway workers whipped out guns from under their yellow and criss-cross red vests and captured five suspected terrorists in a van loaded with guns and explosives.

"It was all over in a minute," said spokesman Stan Shillington, describing the dramatic confrontation on a lonely mountain road 60 kilometres (36 miles) north of Vancouver.

The three men and two women arrested have already been charged with 14 counts of terrorism — bombings and sabotage — and it's almost certain, police add, that some or all of the five will face charges in the Oct. 14 bombing of Litton Systems Ltd., of Etobicoke.

Phony story

Shillington said police —who'd been tailing the group for weeks — invented a phony story about a rockslide and closed off a section of road between Squamish and the Whistler ski resort. Officers at either end took up posts disguised as highway workers.

When the van — loaded with guns and explosives —*came along, police let it pass with a warning to the driver to beware of possible rockslides. A few kilometres along the road, another group of "highway workers" (policemen) had been stationed to make the arrest.

These policemen flagged the wanted group to a stop on the pretext there was a rock slide ahead and they would have to wait until it was cleared.

With the suspects lulled into a false sense of security, the "highway workers" suddenly produced guns and ordered them to surrender.

"There was no opposition," Shillington said. "The suspects had guns in their duffel bags but none made a move to try to retrieve them. One of our officers cut his hand breaking a window of the van to get inside.

"It was all over in a minute," he said. "Just like on television. I think whoever organized this capture must have been watching the police thrillers on TV."

Checking evidence

Two Metro policemen, Staff Sgt. Alan Clark and Sgt. William Deconkey, of the Metro task force probing the Litton blast, flew to Vancouver about a week ago to assist the RCMP and Vancouver city police.

Shillington said the two Toronto officers are still sifting evidence as it relates to the bombing.

He said no charges have yet been laid in the Litton case against the five suspects, but they are expected to be charged "in a matter of days."

Shillington said the attorneys-general of the two provinces — B.C. and Ontario — will have to decide on how the cases will proceed.

"The cases out here could take considerable time," he said, "and accordingly Ontario would have to wait. But it may be possible that the Ontario charges could be processed and heard out here. We don't know yet. We'll have to see."

Numerous charges

Seven people were hurt in the $5 million Litton blast, which knocked out one side of the City View Dr. plant. A truck loaded with dynamite had been driven up close to the building, where the guidance system for the U.S. cruise missile is made.

Mounties on the West Coast have already charged the five suspects with blowing up the DunSmuir B.C. Hydro substation last May, causing $4.5 million damage.

They are also charged with possession of explosives for the purpose of damaging the

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Charges against suspects runs from banned guns to sabotage

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ooks, explosives, firearms and stolen goods.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Followin are the charges laid against five Vancouver-area residents after police uncovered a large arms cache, explosives and extremist literature:

- ☐ Conspiracy to rob a Brinks armored car guard;
- ☐ Conspiracy to use explosives to damage the Cheekye-Dunsmuir power line to Vancouver Island and the Canadian icebreaker under construction at a Vancouver shipyard;
- ☐ Conspiracy to sabotage aircraft, radar equipment and fuel tanks at Canadian Forces Base, Cold Lake, Alta.;
- ☐ Dynamiting B.C. Hydro's Dunsmuir substation at Qualicum Bay on eastern Vancouver Island, May 31, 1982;
- ☐ Possession of explosive substances — dynamite, blasting caps, switching evices, gelatin, diagrams and timing devices — with intent to cause serious damage to the substation;
- ☐ Wilfully setting fire to Red Hot Video outlets Nov. 22, 1982, in suburban North Vancouver and Surrey, and attempting to set fire to a Red Hot Video store in nearby Port Coquitlam;
- ☐ Possession of a prohibited weapon — a Ruger .223-calibre Mini-14, fully-automatic gun;
- ☐ Possessing restricted weapons — a .357-magnum revolver; a .44-magnum, 8-inch-(20.3cm)-barrel revolver; a 9-millimetre Luger; a Colt .45-calibre semi-automatic pistol; and two Ruger .223-calibre Mini-14, semi-automatic rifles.

Charged are Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Richard Hannah, 26, Ann Brit Hansen, 29, and Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20, all of New Westminster, and Douglas David Stewart, 25, of Vancouver.

Daring ruse fooled Litton suspects

Weapons and terrorist equipment seized by police in their dramatic round-up of five suspected bombers includi

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Cheekye-Dunsmuir transmission line of B.C. Hydro.

In addition, they face charges of conspiracy to commit sabotage against the Canadian Forces Base at Cold Lake, Alta., and the icebreaker Terry Fox, under construction at the Burrard-Yarrows shipyard in North Vancouver.

They also face charges of conspiracy to rob a Brink's armored car guard, possession of explosives, prohibited weapons, restricted weapons and stolen property.

In addition, they face four counts of vehicle theft and one of setting fire to two Red Hot Video stores and asttempting to torch a third.

A spokesman for Attorney-General Roy McMurtry's office said yesterday it's likely there will be arrests of more Litton suspects in Ontario.

Those charged are: Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Richard Hannah, 26, Ann Brit Hansen, 29, Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20 and Douglas David Stewart, 25, all of Vancouver.

Inspector G. J. Davis, head of a special squad formed to track the suspected terrorists, said at a press conference in Vancouver yesterday the elaborate ruse "was employed because we had every reason to believe our targets were heavily armed.

"Several large-calibre handguns and rifles were found in their vehicle as well as hundreds of rounds of ammunition," he said.

Obvious links

While the five, believed heading to a remote firing range for target practice, were being arrested, he said, there were simultaneous raids on several Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster homes "and numerous other shotguns, rifles and handguns were seized along with stolen portable radios, false identification papers, disguises, mountaineering equipment, camping gear, cold weather clothing and extremist literature."

Davis said 2,000 pounds of high explosives had been seized in an earlier investigation. The group, he said, allegedly called itself, at times, Wimmin's Fire Brigade or Direct Action.

Among the books seized by police in the raids were Mutate Now, Avoid the Post Bomb Rush, Quiet Killers, Reloading Manual and The World Guide to Gun Parts.

Also seized were hundreds of rounds of ammunition, .44 magnum and .357 magnum handguns, a hine-millimetre Luger, two semi-automatic rifles, a police-type riot shotgun and hunting rifles.

Metro Police Superintendent Jack Webster said last night that Clark and Deconkey will relay details of their investigation in B.C. to Metro Crown Attorney Norman Matusiak and officials of the attorney-general's office.

Despite the criticism of the raids by members of the anti-nuclear movement there has been "some success" in gathering evidence, Webster said. Metro detectives have made several trips to B.C. prior to the arrests Thursday co-ordinating the investigation because of what appeared to be obvious links with the West Coast bombing of the generating station.

Raids go on,

more bomb arrests cited

Police are examining a truckload of weapons and other materials seized in connection with the arrest of five people charged with a series of offences including bombings and conspiracy to sabotage a Canadian Forces base in Alberta.

Raids for more weapons went on — and the investigation continues — even while police outlined the arrests to reporters Friday, said Stan Shillington, spokesman for the Coordinated Law Enforcement Unit.

Meanwhile, Metropolitan Toronto Police said more arrests and charges related to a bombing at Litton Systems in Toronto will come as a result of evidence gathered in the police operation which ended in the Vancouver arrests.

Staff Supt. Jack Webster said in an interview, "there is no doubt that some or all of those charged will be charged in the bombing" of Litton "and there is no doubt that some persons residing in Ontario will be charged in connection with Litton."

Webster said Toronto police had no part in the Vancouver arrests but the two leaders of the 30-member police squad assembled to track down the Litton bombers were in B.C. to trade information with police here.

Const. Brian McNulty, Vancouver police community relations officer, described those arrested as a "cell within a larger political activist group" but refused to name the organization.

McNulty said Vancouver police were aware of the recent string of unsolved armored car robberies in Edmonton, adding police would look at a possible link between terrorists and the robberies.

Asked where terrorists could acquire the knowledge and skills to destroy power plants, McNulty said the information can be found in bookstores and magazines.

"It's not as clandestine as some people might think, the information is reasonably available," he said.

Among those arrested is Gerald Hannah, 26, of New Westminster, who is a former member of the defunct punk rock band the Subhumans, said Ken Lester, a rock promoter.

He said Hannah left the band about 1½ years ago.

Police Friday seized five more guns, including two automatic rifles, at an undisclosed location in the Lower Mainland.

Also found were some "false identification papers," Shillington said.

The weapons were added to a collection of guns, explosives, radios and books on explosives that filled the back of a five-ton truck, said Shillington.

Also seized were about a ton of explosives, timing devices and switches and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

Investigators are still trying to determine the source of the guns and have not been able to find out if they are connected to any of the weapons that have been stolen during recent break-ins of gun shops in the Lower Mainland, he said.

"They still don't know what they've got yet," Shillington said.

In the haul displayed Friday was a rifle marked "for police use only," cold-weather clothing, disguises and books with such titles as Firearm Silencer, Underwater Demolition Team and Quiet Killer. The goods were found in a van north of Squamish where the arrests took place.

The five charged Friday were identified as Hannah, Brent Taylor, 26; Ann Hansen, 29, Juliet Bemas, 20, all of 1414 Tenth Avenue, New Westminster, and Douglas Stewart, 25, of 3895 Windermere, Vancouver. They appeared in provincial court in Vancouver and were remanded in custody until Jan. 26.

The charges involve causing $4.5 million damage to B.C. Hydro's

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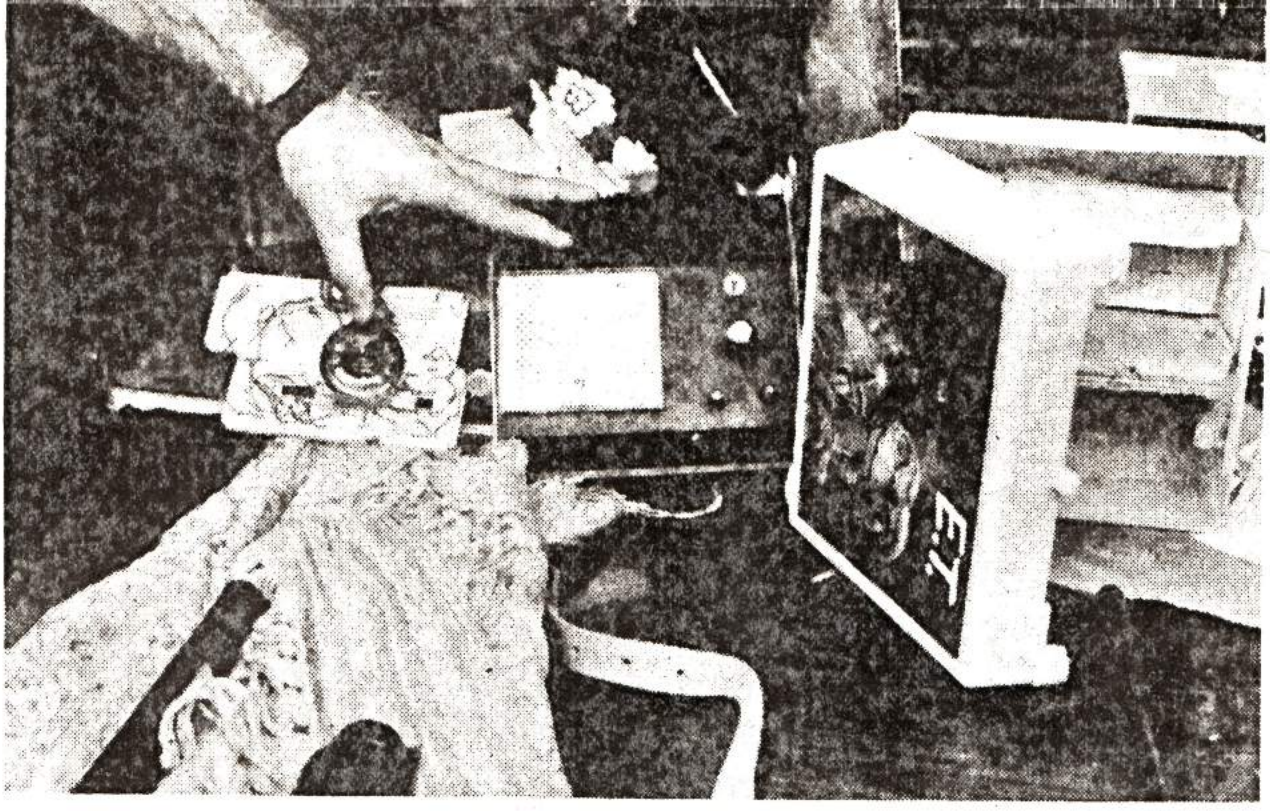

—Dan Scott photos

E.T. LUNCHPAIL . . . it was adapted to take dynamite and timing device

Dunsmuir substation on May 31, 1982. At the time of the blast, a Vancouver radio station received an anonymous phone call in which a person said that an underground group of 37 persons opposed to herbicide spraying by B.C. Hydro were responsible.

Asked if police planned more arrests, Shillington said only that the "investigation is continuing" and that he could not comment further.

The five also face charges of setting fire to a pair of Red Hot Video stores, illegal possession of explosives and firearms and conspiracy to rob a Brink's armored car.

There were also charges laid of conspiracy to commit sabotage against the Cold Lake base and to damage an icebreaker now under construction at the Burrard Yarrows yard in North Vancouver.

That charge leaves Burrard Yarrows head Tom Duncan baffled. The ship, being built for Gulf Canada Ltd., is being named after Terry Fox, the one-legged Marathon of Hope runner who died of cancer in 1981.

It will be one of the two most powerful privately owned icebreakers in the world, said Duncan, and will be used to escort a drilling unit into the Beaufort Sea.

Duncan said that Friday was the first he had heard of any conspiracy to damage the ship. No actual damage has occurred to the ship, now about 60 per cent completed, he said.

Neighbors of the four accused who lived in New Westminster said the four stayed behind the closed curtains of their green, clapboard home and used the back door for their comings and goings.

William Dundas, a pensioner who lives next door to the old wooden one-storey house that was rented by the four, said Friday he knows little about Hannah, Hansen, Bemas and Taylor.

"They just moved in in November or December," said Dundas of the four. "They didn't say anything. They had a big dog but he was quiet, too."

Dundas, like the other residents on Tenth Avenue, a quiet street that divides Burnaby and New Westminster, could say little about the four young people. The house next door has been rented by numerous people in recent years, he added.

"There's been about 10 different people in the last 10 years," he said. "You don't pay much attention when so many people come and go."

He said he was alerted in December that police were watching his neighbors.

"The RCMP phoned us up one time and said they (his neighbors) were under surveillance and not to get too friendly with them."

Irene Berg, who lives across the street from the house that was rented by the two men and two women, said she was shocked to learn of the arrests.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "We've been here since 1946 and you never think that will happen in your neighborhood."

She, too, knows little of the people who lived behind the white picket fence.

"They just put those curtains up and kept them closed. They must have used the back entrance. They parked their cars out back."

Aslak Dalen, who lives on the corner of the block, said that, while he has seen what he suspected were unmarked police cars in the neighborhood, he has never seen the neighbors.

"Their curtains were always closed," he said. "I heard music in there and saw lights . . . but they kept a low profile."

Bombings probe leads police to more arms

Police seized five more weapons and false identification papers Friday at a Vancouver-area house in the continuing investigation into the bombings of three Red Hot Video outlets and a B.C. Hydro substation.

A spokesman for the Co-ordinated Law Enforcement Unit (CLEU) said

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no arrests were made Friday, and he would not disclose the location of Friday's raid.

Police say further arrests in the case are possible.

Five people — four of them from New Westminster — were arrested Thursday and charged in connection with the May, 1982, bombing of the Cheekye-Dunsmuir substation on Vancouver Island and the November, 1982, fire-bombing of three Red Hot Video outlets. They are also charged with a number of other offences.

In raids Thursday, police seized a substantial cache of weapons from a business premises and four residences in Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster.

Charged are Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Richard Hannah, 26, Ann Britt Hansen, 29, and Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20, all residents of 1414 Tenth Ave., New Westminster. Douglas David Stewart, 25, of 3895 Windermere, Vancouver, also was charged.

All five appeared Friday in Vancouver Provincial Court and were remanded until Wednesday.

The arrests followed seven weeks of intense investigation by a special task force, headed by RCMP Insp. Geoff Davis and Vancouver Police Insp. Alex Andrascik.

The task force is composed of police officers from RCMP detachments in Burnaby, Surrey, Coquitlam, Vancouver, Langley, and North Vancouver.

Other task force members were seconded from the Vancouver police force and the Vancouver Integrated Intelligence Unit.

The task force investigation began in earnest in early December after a meeting of police officers from several detachments, said CLEU spokesman Stan Shillington.

The intelligence unit — a joint effort of the RCMP and the Vancouver city police — had identified certain suspects in last year's bombings and placed them under surveillance, he said.

Police seized so much material from Thursday's raids that a full inventory won't be completed before the middle of next week, Insp. Davis said Friday.

A five-ton moving van had to be rented to accommodate all the material recovered from Thursday's raids, he said.

Some of the seized material was displayed at a police press conference Friday morning. Covering four tables, it included two hunting rifles, a pump shotgun, a semi-automatic shotgun with "For law enforcement only" stamped on the side and four .223-calibre Ruger Mini-14 semi-automatic rifles with folding stocks.

Lawyers who will defend the five accused said Friday that police and the news media already may have jeopardized their chances of a fair trial.

Vancouver lawyer Stan Guenther, retained with his law partner Judy Gedye by Taylor, Belmas and Hansen, said police acted improperly by displaying the seized weapons.

Guenther said police should not have displayed "evidence" that the court has yet to rule admissible.

However, Shillington said the weapons were not presented to the news media as evidence, but as "material that backs up our charges."

"If that's not evidence," Guenther said, "then it's even worse.

"It's breaking the spirit of the intention to protect the rights of accused people," Guenther said.

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Columbian photo by Basil King

Police display large cache of weapons recovered in Thursday's raids in Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster.

'Just two quiet couples'

They lived in an average-looking house on Tenth Avenue in New Westminster.

To their neighbors, they were just two quiet couples. They kept to themselves.

On Thursday, the four were arrested

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and charged along with a Vancouver man in the bombings of a B.C. Hydro substation and three Red Hot Video outlets.

Neighbor Bill Dundas said Friday he thinks two young couples moved into the often-rented house in November.

Dundas, 65, said the couples had few visitors and didn't appear to keep a regular schedule. He also said they were private people.

"They weren't the friendly type so I just left them alone. They just didn't bother with anybody," Dundas said.

He said he was alerted in December that police were watching his neighbors.

"The RCMP phoned us up one time and said they (his neighbors) were under surveillance and not to get too friendly with them."

Aslak Dalen, who lives on the corner of the block, said that while he has seen what he suspected were unmarked police cars in the neighborhood, he had never seen the neighbors.

"Their curtains were always closed," he said. "I heard music in there and saw lights . . . but they kept a low profile."

Although little is known about the four, one of them, Brent Taylor, made national news Nov. 29, 1977, when he threw a pie at Conservative leader Joe Clark at a question-and-answer session at the University of B.C.

Taylor identified himself as a member of the "New Questioning Coyote Brigade" after he scored a direct hit to the back of Clark's head.

Taylor — who joined the Seaforth Highlanders militia regiment for a brief period in 1978 — was apprehended by police after throwing the pie at Clark. No charges were laid.

The Tenth Avenue house is an ordinary-looking older home with green siding.

Many of its windows are covered in plastic, and a garage window is covered with newspaper.

Reporters who went to the house Friday found a green canoe upright in the back yard, along with an old bathtub.

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RCMP Insp. Geoff Davis with only a fraction of the armaments seized.

Dynamite probe 'led to suspects'

Province News Services

An investigation into the theft of more than a tonne of explosives helped lead to the arrest of five people in Squamish in connection with terrorist activities, Solicitor General Robert Kaplan said in Barrie, Ont., Saturday.

He noted the theft of the explosives from the B.C. department of highways last July was raised by Opposition MPs to try to embarrass him because the RCMP apparently hadn't been able to find such a huge package. In fact, Kaplan said, the RCMP found the explosives and kept them under surveillance for months, waiting for whoever hid them to show up.

The arrests were made Thursday. Police also seized false identification papers, guns, radios, ammunition and books on explosives.

Canadian intelligence services, meanwhile, are exploring possible national and international links among extremist groups following the B.C. arrests, *The Province* has learned.

"A mountain of material has been seized," said RCMP Insp. Geoff Davis after he announced charges were laid against five Lower Mainland residents in connection with a series of bombings and arson attacks last year. "We are now looking at the possibility that they are linked to other groups."

The seizure of documents, plans, firearms and explosives [illegible]s produced a flurry of activity among many intelligence operations including military units, sources say.

Charged Friday were Brent Taylor, 26; Gerald Richard Hannah, 26; Ann Brit Hansen, 29; Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20; all of Tenth Avenue, New Westminster, and Douglas David Stewart, 25, of Windermere Street, Vancouver.

Police allege that the group planned to sabotage the Canadian Forces Base at Cold Lake, Alta., where the U.S. cruise missile is slated for testing.

The bombing and arson charges relate to the May, 1982, bombing of a Vancouver Island B.C. Hydro sub-station, which caused $4.5 million damage, and arson attacks on three Red Hot Video stores in November, 1982.

Conspiracy charges have also been laid in connection with alleged plans to bomb a B.C. powerline and the Terry Fox icebreaker now being built, and to rob a Brink's guard.

Crown counsel Jim Jardine expects to hear Monday whether Ontario authorities will lay charges for the 1982 bombing of a Rexdale, Ont. plant where cruise guidance systems are built. Responsibility for the Vancouver Island and Rexdale bombings was accepted by a group calling itself Direct Action, whereas The Wimmin's Fire Brigade said it carried out the Red Hot Video attacks. Police allege the five arrested used both names.

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Explosives theft led to 5 arrests

BARRIE (CP) — An investigation into the theft of more than a tonne of explosives helped lead to the arrest of five people in British Columbia in connection with terrorist activities, Solicitor General Robert Kaplan says.

Two women and three men were charged Friday in Vancouver with a series of offences including the $4.5-million bombing of a B.C. Hydro substation and the bombing of the Litton Systems plant in Etobicoke in October.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police found the explosives and kept them under surveillance for many months, using "sophisticated observation techniques," waiting for whoever hid them to show up, he said during a visit to Georgian College in Barrie yesterday.

The arrests were made Thursday near Squamish.

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Left-wing groups vow to support Litton suspects

By Dan Smith Toronto Star

VANCOUVER — Left-wing groups and supporters in British Columbia are rallying behind the five suspected Litton bombers arrested in a dramatic police operation last week.

A legal defence fund for the suspects — arrested Thursday on a lonely B.C. mountain road — has been started by left-wing Vancouver bookstore manager Don Stewart, and a support-group meeting is planned for later this week.

A public rally, march or demonstration, including a possible link-up with leftist groups from across the country, has also been proposed.

The infant support movement is seen as a challenge to the solidarity of numerous leftist causes, and a chance for members to put their dedication and goals on the line.

That was evident when the five made their first court appearance after their sensational arrest.

Clenched fist salute

In the crowded courtroom, a woman jumped up to salute the suspects with a raised, clenched fist.

Ann Brit Hansen, 29 — one of the five who face numerous charges, among them blowing up an electric power sub-station on Vancouver Island and setting fire to three video stores in Vancouver — returned the show of solidarity with her own raised fist.

Hansen and her co-accused face 13 charges ranging from possession of a small arsenal of restricted weapons to the B.C. Hydro bombing. They are: Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Hannah, 26, and Juliet Bemas, 20, all of whom lived with Hansen in a New Westminister house, and Douglas Stewart, 25, of Vancouver.

The unidentified courtroom supporter was said to be from the B.C. Federation of Women. But she could just as easily belong to any number of leftist groups in Vancouver's thriving radical community.

There are at least 10 different groups, ranging from the almost-staid Marxist-Leninists to the floating "cell" of anarchists to which police allege the five accused belong.

As suggested by the woman's courtroom show of defiance, most of the leftist community see their most famous members as folk heroes — and are rallying to their support.

There is vigorous debate going on here about the use of violence to further such goals as world peace and an end to sexism, but the five have nevertheless sparked a support movement that looks like it could mushroom.

"I may not agree with violent methods, but you can be damn sure there's not a soul involved in our movements who isn't going to be fighting for them," was a typical comment gathered during a weekend of interviews among Vancouver's leftists.

All those interviewed throughout the warren of leftists' gathering places — principally a number of bookstores and coffee shops around Vancouver's downtown Gastown and East End areas — refused to discuss in detail the background or activities of any of the five. Police were no more helpful, but a general picture of the five did emerge.

All were described as extremely active figures in various leftist causes, a patchwork quilt of people floating from public march to rally to demonstration, depending on the specific issues and the formal organizations supporting them.

"I've seen all of them many times, at many different events," said one self-professed Trotskyite in a Gastown coffee shop. "I don't have any idea what particular group they may have belonged to — there's such a cross-over, depending on the issues.

"All I know is that they often seemed to be there."

Leftist circles

Neighbors interviewed outside the two rented homes of the five accused said they seldom saw any of the five.

A group calling itself Direct Action claimed responsibility for the Oct. 14, $6-million bombing at Litton Systems Ltd. of Etobicoke. Direct Action had also claimed responsibility for a May bombing of the hydro substation on Vancouver Island which caused $4.5 million in damage.

A communique from Direct Action following the Litton blast expressed regret for the injuries to seven people at the plant. Litton manufactures the guidance systems for the controversial U.S. cruise missile. The communique argued that violence against property is not immoral in the peace movement.

One young woman interviewed here, who said she'll be attending any demonstration of support for the five because "this is not [illegible] to be paranoid," said she "assumes they were part of the anarchist thing, but who knows?"

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Terror suspects 'lovers of peace'

"They were all very intelligent and very concerned about things. None of them was the vicious type at all. They were worried about what was happening to the world. They were worried about a nuclear war."

That's the way friends describe the five people arrested last Thursday on charges of bombing a B.C. Hydro substation and three Red Hot Video outlets, and conspiracy to commit further acts of violence and sabotage.

By TERRY GLAVIN
Columbian Staff Reporter

Responsibility for the Red Hot Video bombings was claimed by a group calling itself the "Wimmin's Fire Brigade." The substation bombing — and a $5 million explosion at a Toronto firm building guidance systems for the Cruise missile project — was claimed by a group calling itself "Direct Action."

The five arrested Thursday were involved in organizing dozens of demonstrations and marches over the past few years.

They did the practical work of distributing leaflets and posters advertising demonstrations, getting liquor licences and arranging for bands at benefit dances.

They were active in campaigns of support for guerrillas in El Salvador and for prisoners' rights, and in campaigns of opposition to the Hat Creek coal project and the Trident submarine system.

Some of their friends — who fear having their names published — say they have been followed and harassed by police in a "crackdown" over the past few weeks.

Police spokesmen say more arrests are likely.

"We've seen what the harassment's been like," said one friend. "One of the biggest fears is that names will get in the newspapers and people will lose their jobs."

Because of this, the Lower Mainland's small community of anarchists and anti-authoritarian radicals is keeping a low profile and doing little to attract attention.

Members of that community give these descriptions of the five accused:

Brent Taylor, 26, is a gentle man with a sense of humor. A pie thrower, graffiti artist, "Groucho-Marxist" and anti-nuclear activist.

Gerald Richard Hannah, 26, is dedicated to environmental causes, a "very gentle guy" and a member of the punk rock band Subhumans until about 1½ years ago, when he went by the name Gerry Useless.

Ann Britt Hansen, 29, who moved to Vancouver from Ontario two years ago, was a member of Women Against Prisons, but was denied prison-visiting privileges after her radical opinions — and her belief that prisons should be abolished — became known to authorities.

Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20, the youngest of the five but "very politically sophisticated," is "someone with a lot of spirit, very intelligent," and the one about whom the least is known.

These were the "two quiet couples," as their neighbors described them, who lived at 1414 Tenth Ave., New Westminster.

Douglas David Stewart, 25, of 3895 Windermere, Vancouver, worked with the Pacific Life Community, a small group of pacifists, Catholics and Quakers that began a far-reaching campaign against the Trident nuclear submarine system, based in Bangor, Wash.

In five raids on four homes and a business in Vancouver, New Westminster and Surrey Thursday and Friday, police seized semi-automatic weapons, shotguns, high-calibre handguns and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Police say they made their move on the suspects Thursday because they feared further acts of violence.

The five are charged with conspiracy to sabotage an icebreaker under construction in North Vancouver, and conspiracy to sabotage aircraft, radar equipment and fuel tanks at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alta.

Their friends say a legal defence committee is being formed and probably will go public Wednesday when the five appear at a show-cause hearing in Vancouver Provincial Court.

Friends of the five arrested scoffed at suggestions that the five comprised a "cell" that was part of a larger political group.

"There's no conspiracy," said one. "Anarchy, or whatever you call it, is an idea. It's a lifestyle and it's a philosophy, but it's not something that sits well with the powers-that-be."

He said the "anarchist" community in the Lower Mainland consists of perhaps 100 people, associated with various pacifist, feminist, and environmental causes.

Many are writers and artists who congregate in small circles and "collectives."

'Committed, dedicated'

5 bombing suspects backed many causes

By LORNE SLOTNICK

One of the five people arrested last week in Vancouver in connection with a widespread bombing and sabotage campaign is a former Toronto resident described by acquaintances as a thoughtful and committed political activist.

Ann Hansen, 29, charged with bombing a B. C. Hydro substation and setting ablaze two pornographic video stores, left Toronto about two years ago to live on the West Coast.

Many acquaintances say they didn't know much about her, but add that she had a sincere interest in a wide variety of political causes, including feminism, nuclear disarmament and environmental issues.

"She was thoughtful, dedicated and committed," said one woman who knew her from her volunteer work with the Toronto Clarion, a monthly community newspaper.

Last Thursday, Ann Hansen was arrested along with Gerald Hannah, 26, Juliet Belmas, 20, Douglas Stewart, 25, and Brent Taylor, 26.

Police say some or all of the five will also be charged in the $6-million bombing of the Litton Systems Canada Ltd. plant in Rexdale Ont. last Oct.14.

Her articles for the Clarion covered a wide range of topics, including health and safety issues, refugee problems, the movement against nuclear power and for gay rights.

Mr. Taylor was described yesterday by one Vancouver source as "a well known guy who was at every demonstration." He got a lot of attention for throwing a cream pie at Opposition Leader Joe Clark in Vancouver five years ago.

Mr. Taylor, who got to within two feet of the Tory leader, claimed responsibility on behalf of a group called the New Questioning Coyote Brigade.

Mr. Hannah was the bass player for the punk rock group the Subhumans, where he went by the name Gerry Useless. The group, which disbanded two years ago, was described by a Vancouver resident as "Canada's best punk band . . . they were really political but they had a sense of humor."

He was originally from Burnaby, B. C. "He wasn't very political when I knew him," the source said.

Mr. Stewart was described by one Toronto source as "very reclusive. . . nobody knew much about him."

By Dan Smith Toronto Star

VANCOUVER — Zealous police publicity methods have jeopardized the right to a fair trial for five people accused of extremist bomb attacks, the suspects' defence lawyer says.

"Our major concern is that, whether intentionally or not, the police are trying these people through the press," lawyer Stan Guenther said in an interview here yesterday.

The five alleged extremists appeared in court here Friday morning, where 13 charges were laid. The charges included the May bombing of a Vancouver Island power substation which caused $4.5 million damage; firebomb attacks on three sex video cassette sales outlets here; possession of numerous prohibited weapons; auto theft; and conspiracy to commit several other bombing attacks in British Columbia and Alberta.

It has also been confirmed that one of the five accused in the extremist bombing attacks was the young man who threw a coconut-cream pie in the face of federal Tory Leader Joe Clark on a 1977 visit here.

University of British Columbia sources said the incident on Nov. 29, 1977, occurred when Brent Taylor, 26, of New Westminster, claiming to be a member of an outfit called the "New Questioning Coyote Brigade," nailed Clark after a speaking engagement.

Litton bombing

Policemen here and in Metro have told newsmen that some of the five would also be charged with the $6-million bombing of the Litton Systems plant in Etobicoke, in which seven people were injured.

Litton designs and manufactures the guidance system used in the U.S. cruise missile system, which is being vigorously opposed by many peace movements.

Following court appearances by the five accused, police showed reporters and television crews a carefully arranged display of a small arsenal of weapons, explosives and leftist publications, which they claimed were seized from the accused.

Guenther, well-known here for his defence of various left-wing causes, says the combination of the police display and the implication of a Litton tie-in has damaged his clients' legal rights.

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Police news hit in bombing case

A Vancouver lawyer charged Monday that police are releasing too much information on the case against five persons facing a battery of charges in connection with a series of explosions and fires.

Stan Guenther, a partner in the firm Gedye-Guenther, which is representing Brent Taylor, Ann Hansen and Juliet Bemas, said the information appearing in the media is prejudicial to his clients' right to a fair trial.

"Most of the details of the offences I've heard have come from reporters," Guenther said.

"This tells me that a lot of information is being given out by the police."

Guenther said applying for a change of location for the trial will not help his clients because the trial will still have to take place in B.C.

Taylor, 26; Hansen, 29; Bemas, 20; along with Gerald Hannah, 26; and Douglas Stewart, 25, face charges involving some $4.5 million damage to B.C. Hydro's Dunsmuir substation, possessing explosive substances with intent to cause damage to the substation, conspiracy to bomb the Cheekye-Dunsmuir transmission line, conspiracy to bomb an icebreaker under construction in North Vancouver, conspiracy to sabotage aircraft and equipment at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta, setting fire to the Red Hot Video outlets in Surrey and in North Vancouver, and attempting to fire the Red Hot outlet in Port Coquitlam.

They also face various other theft and weapons charges.

Guenther said that as a result of the publicity, it would be difficult to find "12 impartial jurors who are not swayed by terms such as 'terrorist' and 'extremist' that have been appearing in the media."

Asked what he could legally do about it, Guenther said, "I guess that's what we will maybe determine if this continues."

As an example of prejudicial reporting, Guenther cited a television news story that said one of the five accused was a member of the Canadian army militia, which would have given the suspect exposure to weapons and demolition training.

Media sabotages trial

By SARAH COX

Five people arrested in connection with several B.C. bombings will appear in court Wednesday, but their trial by the commercial press has already begun.

"I'm appalled by the coverage this issue has received," said Stan Guenther, lawyer for three of the people arrested Thursday.

The five Lower Mainland residents face 15 charges each, involving last May's bombing of a Vancouver Island B.C. Hydro substation and November's firebombing of three Red Hot Video outlets.

"I'm really concerned about the right of these people to a fair trial," said Guenther. "The police are attempting to try this in the press."

Guenther said police called a press conference last Friday shortly after publication of court proceedings was banned at a surprise court hearing.

"I have no problem with information being distributed to the press," he said. "But through inference and implication the press is portraying these people as terrorists who are guilty of the charges."

"I'm concerned that we will have difficulty finding an impartial jury," said Guenthur. Lawyers have not had an opportunity to speak privately with the people they are representing, he added.

Stan Shillington, spokesperson from Vancouver's Co-ordinated Law Enforcement Unit, refused to say whether numerous weapons shown on television and newspapers had all belonged to the people arrested. "That's under investigation," he said.

Police also raided homes and a business in Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster while the arrests were being made.

"I don't know where the police got all those guns from," said Guenther.

Shillington said he would not respond to questions about Guenther's criticism of media coverage. "It's a free country . . . you (Guenther) can say what you want," he said.

Macleod bookstore manager Don Stewart said the Toronto Star misrepresented him. He was quoted as saying he was establishing a defence committee for the accused. "There will not be anything called a defence committee," said Stewart. "There will be a support group committee meeting after the court appearance."

"The commercial press is certainly conducting its own trial," he said.

Accused terrorists grin and wave in court

Drawing by Alain Boullard

Sketch shows, to right of the sheriff's deputy, Brent Taylor (with raised arm), Ann Brit Hansen, Juliet Caroline Belmas, Gerald Richard Hannah and Douglas David Stewart.

By KEITH MORGAN

Five people charged with terrorist activities grinned and waved to a packed Vancouver courtroom on Wednesday, apparently undaunted by the possibility of life prison sentences.

Throughout a 12-minute provincial court appearance the accused, Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Richard Hannah, 26, Ann Brit Hansen, 29, and Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20, all of New Westminster, and Douglas David Stewart, 25, of Vancouver, silently mouthed messages and offered fist-clenched salutes to supporters in the courtroom.

Then Judge Brian Bastin adjourned the hearing to Feb. 21 to allow the Crown to provide more information to the defence lawyers on the charges.

The five were arrested last Thursday and face 12 charges relating to the dynamiting of a B.C. Hydro substation on Vancouver Island, the firebombing of three Red Hot Video stores and conspiracies to carry out more bombings and rob a Brink's armored car. All except Stewart also face three car theft charges.

As they left Taylor shouted and Hansen urged their supporters to "be strong and resist" which brought enthusiastic applause.

The 75 spectators were carefully frisked before entering the heavily-guarded room. A similar number waited outside.

After the hearing, defence lawyer Judy Gedye repeated an earlier statement that the news media have more information than the defence.

Crown counsel Jim Jardine said the case was still unfolding and as soon as the information was available it would be released to the four defence lawyers.

Gedye also said the lawyers requested the accused be remanded to provincial institutions because police had easy access to their clients, who were held in police cells for two days following their arrest Jan. 20.

She said the group had been subjected to "a lot of yelling and badgering" by Metropolitan Toronto police who flew to Vancouver to question them about the Oct. 14, 1982, Litton Systems bombing in that city that injured seven people.

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Accused saboteurs draw court crowd

By PHIL NEEDHAM

With clenched fist salutes, smiles, a slogan and a quote from a reggae song, five young people in the prisoners' dock greeted friends in a crowded provincial courtroom Wednesday.

Press and spectators showing up for a court appearance by five persons accused in an alleged sabotage conspiracy had to submit to frisking by sheriff's deputies and electronic scanning before entering the court at 222 Main.

The courtroom has about 115 seats and when they were filled, those still in the lineup that started to form more than an hour earlier had to wait outside.

The appearance that drew the crowd and the unusual security measures had been scheduled to allow provincial court Judge Brian Bastin to decide whether to grant bail to the five accused pending a preliminary hearing on charges laid Friday.

But defence lawyers said the Crown has not yet disclosed particulars of the charges and they asked that the matter be adjourned to Feb. 21. Judge Bastin also granted requests that the five be remanded direct to Oakalla.

The five — Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Richard Hannah, 26, Ann Britt Hansen, 29, Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20, all of 1414 10th, New Westminster, and Douglas David Stewart, 25, of 3895 Windermere, Vancouver — agreed to waive the usual requirement that a person in custody must appear in court every eight days.

Judy Gedye, lawyer for Belmas, said later they requested that the judge specify the detention facility in his order because the accused had been "harassed" by Toronto police officers in "interrogation cells" at the city police lockup.

Charges against the five allege conspiracy and involvement in fire-bombing attacks on outlets of Red Hot Video, an explosion that damaged $4.5 million worth of equipment at the B.C. Hydro Dunsmuir substation on Vancouver Island, and plans for attacks on the icebreaker Terry Fox under construction in North Vancouver and on the Canadian Forces airbase at Cold Lake, Alberta.

They also face charges of possession of explosives, weapons and stolen property.

City police Supt. Stan Ziola said earlier the Toronto detectives were investigating a link with a blast that occurred at the Litton Systems plant in Toronto Oct. 14, injuring seven persons. The company makes missile guidance systems.

Crown counsel Jim Jardine said he expected the hearing Feb. 21 would take about three hours.

As court adjourned, Taylor shouted to friends in the courtroom: "Lively up yourselves," a line from a song by the late Bob Marley, and the Wailers, considered the most political of the Jamaican reggae groups.

Most of the spectators applauded after Hansen added: "Be strong and resist."

LAWYER JUDY GEDYE
. . . police harassment charged

—Marilken van Nimwegen drawing

THE ACCUSED . . . Hansen, Taylor, Belmas, Stewart, Hannah

WESTENDER JAN 27/83

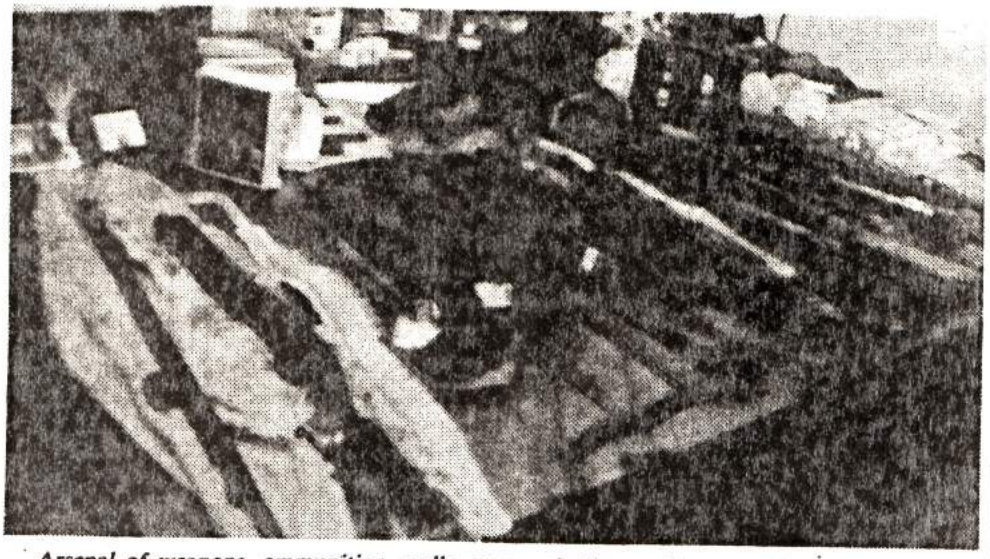
Terrorist cell unmasked

—Ed Cosgrove

Police quench "Fire Brigade"

Anyone who thought the "Wimmen's Fire Brigade" was a secret group of ultra-militant women campaigning against pornography were in for a rude shock last Friday morning.

The "Fire Brigade" was unmasked as just one of the action fronts of a terrorist cell which was engaged in a nationwide campaign of bombings during the past year.



Arsenal of weapons, ammunition, radio communication equipment and mountaineering supplies were among the items seized by police in the arrest of five persons near Squamish last week. This display of part of the equipment at the Coordinated Law Enforcement Unit office includes a fully automatic rifle, and heavy calibre pistols. (Photo by Cosgrove)

At a jam-packed press conference at police headquarters January 21 spokesmen representing the attorney general, the RCMP and city police told more than 60 media people that an extremist group, operating under a variety of names, including "The Wimmen's Fire Brigade" and "Direct Action," had been broken by arrests made by a special task force of police disguised as highway repairmen. The arrests were made at Brohm Ridge, 15 kilometres north of Squamish on Highway 99.

Five people in a van, packed with explosives and weapons, were arrested at gunpoint by officers from the Coordinated Law Enforcement Unit. The van was flagged down on the pretext the road was blocked by a slide.

Three men and two women were arrested at gunpoint Thursday morning on an isolated stretch of highway north of Squamish.

Several guns were seized from the stolen pickup truck carrying the five suspects.

While police were making the arrests, other officers staged raids on homes and business property in Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster.

Numerous other shotguns, rifles and handguns were seized, along with stolen portable radios, false identification papers, disguises, mountaineering equipment, camping gear, cold weather clothing and extremist literature.

Explosives seized

An estimated 2,000 pounds of high explosives were seized earlier in the investigation.

Police said the group allegedly referred to itself at times as Wimmin's Fire Brigade and Direct Action.

Now in custody are: Brent Taylor; 26, Gerald Richard Hannah, 26; Ann Brit Hansen, 29; Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20; all of 1414 Tenth Avenue, New Westminster, and Douglas David Stewart, 25, of 3895 Windemere, Vancouver.

The five appeared in Vancouver Provincial Court on charges of:

- Conspiracy to commit robbery of a Brink's armored car guard.
- Conspiracy to use explosives to damage the Cheekye-Dunsmuir powerline and the icebreaker Terry Fox.
- Conspiracy to sabotage aircraft, radar equipment and fuel tanks at Cold Lake.
- Setting off the explosion that caused heavy damage to the B.C. Hydro substation on May 31, 1982.
- Possessing explosive substances—dynamite, blasting caps, switching devices, gelatin, diagrams and timing devices —with intent to cause serious damage to the powerline substation at Qualicum Bay.
- Willfully setting fire to Red Hot Video outlet at 965 Marine Drive, North Vancouver.
- Willfully setting fire to Red Hot Video outlet at 9440-120th Street, Surrey.
- Willfully attempting to set fire to a Red Hot Video outlet at 2215 Coquitlam Avenue, Port Coquitlam.
- Possessing a prohibited weapon—a Ruger .223-calibre Mini-14 fully automatic gun.
- Possessing restricted weapons—a .357-magnum revolver, a .44-magnum eight-inch-barrel revolver, a 9mm Luger, a Colt .45-calibre semi-automatic pistol, and two Ruger .223-calibre Mini-14 semi-automatic rifles.
- Theft of a pickup truck.
- Possession of a large quantity of stolen property taken in numerous thefts during the past several months.

In addition, Taylor, Hannah, Hansen and Belmas face three counts of car theft.

Joint effort

Several police departments were individually investigating criminal acts during the past few months when a special task force was assembled to handle the investigation under the direction of the Joint Forces Operation (J.F.O.), the investigative arm of the Coordinated Law Enforcement Unit.

Regular J.F.O. personnel was reinforced by police officers from RCMP detachments in Burnaby, North Vancouver, Surrey, Coquitlam, Langley and Vancouver Headquarters; the Vancouver Integrated Intelligence Unit (V.I.I.U.), and the Vancouver Police Department.

Also involved during the investigation were police from Parksville, Squamish and the Burnaby Emergency Response Team.

Police are withholding information on the details of the investigation. However, RCMP Inspector Geoff Davis told the press conference it had been underway for some time.

While he gave no further details, the *West Ender* has learned that as far back as October there were reports of a paramilitary group conducting training exercises in the North Shore mountains and Squamish area. At one point investigators even questioned army personnel in order to rule out the possibility off-duty members were engaging in war games involving live ammunition.

The dramatic announcement was made to a press conference carefully screened by police officers. Two women who refused to reveal their identities and a man were asked to leave when they failed to produce press accreditation.

Charles Boylan, the head of the People's Front Against Racist and Fascist Violence, created something of a stir by pounding on the closed door for admittance after the conference started. He was refused entry, along with another newspaper reporter, because he arrived after the conference started. Later in the hall, he engaged in a loud-voiced protest with a representative of the police community relations division. Both Boylan and the late-arriving reporter were given copies of the official press release.

Lethal literature, including a manual on how to kill silently, was part of the material seized by police in the arrest of five people near Squamish last week. Charges include firebombing two Red Hot Video stores because they sold video tapes depicting sexual violence. (Photo by Cosgrove)

Announcement of the arrests at gunpoint of five persons charged with bombings and conspiracy was made at a press conference at police headquarters last week. On hand to answer reporters questions were (left to right) Crown counsel Jim Jardine, Deputy Chief Stan Ziola, Vancouver city police and RCMP Inspector Geoff Davis. (Photo by Cosgrove)

Charles Boylan, head of the People's Front Against Racist and Fascist Violence, angrily demands admission to police press conference at which the arrest of five people and the seizure of an arsenal of weapons was announced. (Photo by Cosgrove)

Newsfronts

In This Corner

Ed Cosgrove

The table literally groaned under the weight of its lethal display.

Plastic bags glittered with the bright brassy shine of hundreds of rounds of shotgun shells, pistol bullets, rifle ammunition. Centre stage was dominated by the heavy weapons themselves: a restricted, fully automatic Mini 14, and several other heavy weapons of the same make, easily converted to automatic fire.

It looked like what it was—the paraphernalia of a terrorist group. And to underscore that impression, there was a neat pile of "training manuals," books on how to kill, with weapons, or with your bare hands.

This was the material seized by a special police task force January 20 after the arrest of three men and two women at gunpoint Thursday morning on an isolated stretch of highway north of Squamish.

This was the arsenal of the Wimmen's Fire Brigade, a group opposing the sale of "violent" video tapes.

On December 16, In This Corner described as the ultimate obscenity the violent actions of the group calling itself The Wimmen's Fire Brigade, a self-appointed guardian of public morals, which had decided that t[illegible]ule of law didn't apply in its case against pornography.

The actions of the Wimmen's Fire Brigade in its firebombing attacks on Red Hot Video outlets were described here as "cowardly and condemned "terrorism in the name of righteousness."

The column concluded with a comparison of the acts of terrorist groups in other parts of the world and the warning that the smug belief by Canadians that such things can't happen here had been destroyed by the actions of the Wimmen's Fire Brigade.

The column sparked a few strongly worded protests from supporters of what has now been revealed as an active terrorist conspiracy, with the porn video tapes of Red Hot Video only a side issue in the overall plan of robbery, bombings and violence.

The books on the table showed how far the group was prepared to go. One was entitled *Quiet Killers* and dealt with methods of weaponless murder.

The display at the headquarters of the Co-ordinated Law Enforcement Unit has only served to drive home what was a speculative message in the December 16 edition of the *West Ender*.

We stand behind what we said then.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Clenched fists in court

The hallway outside Vancouver's provincial courtroom 101 resembled a cross between a demonstration and an airport security check last week as 200 spectators—friends, family, reporters and simply the curious—lined up for the appearance of five people accused of terrorist activities and a sabotage conspiracy. Half the crowd failed to get in. Those who did had to undergo a body frisk and electronic scanning before they entered the 115-seat courtroom.

The young defendants face charges that include the bombings last year of a B.C. Hydro substation, which caused $4.5 million in damages, and arson attacks on three stores selling adult videotapes. The accused are Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Hannah, 26, Ann Brit Hansen, 29, Juliette Belmas, 20 (all sharing the same house in New Westminster), and Douglas Stewart, 25, of Vancouver. They seemed unconcerned by the heavy security surrounding their appearance in court and hugged each other, mouthed messages to friends in the packed courtroom and gave clenched-fist salutes. They were not in court long—it took only 12 minutes for defence lawyers to obtain an adjournment to Feb. 21 so that they could get the details of the case against their clients. As the defendants were led back to jail, Hansen turned and shouted, "Be strong and resist," drawing cheers and applause from most of the crowd.

The five face charges that include: conspiring to attack an icebreaker being built for Gulf Oil in North Vancouver; conspiring to attack the Canadian Forces base at Cold Lake, Alta. (proposed testing site of the U.S. cruise missile); another alleged conspiracy to rob a Brink's armored car; and allegedly possessing explosives, stolen goods and weapons.

The five were moved to provincial prisons from Vancouver police cells after defence lawyers said that Toronto detectives were harassing their clients in interrogation cells with questions about the Oct. 14 bombing of a Litton Systems plant which injured seven people. Before he left the courtroom, the bearded, dark-haired Taylor joined Hansen in gesturing to the crowd. "Lively up yourselves," he shouted, raising a clenched fist in the air as he quoted a song by Bob Marley and the Wailers, formerly one of the most politicized reggae groups in Jamaica.

Taylor himself is perhaps the best known of the five defendants, who were active in causes that included feminism, native and prisoners' rights, environmental issues and the movement to ban nuclear weapons. He grew up in the wealthy Victoria community of Oak Bay and is remembered by high school teachers there as an above-average student interested in rugby, music and skiing. On Nov. 29, 1977, he drew attention to himself by hitting Opposition Leader Joe Clark in the back of the head with a cream pie at a time when self-styled anarchists were regularly hitting politicians with pies in Vancouver. Taylor —he was not charged in the pie incident —identified himself on that occasion as a member of the New Questioning Coyote Brigade. Twelve days before the pie-throwing incident he had joined the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada militia regiment in Vancouver, turning out for Tuesday evening parades for almost a year before he decided to quit in 1978. In 1981 he attended public meetings with his girlfriend, Ann Hansen, to discuss opposition to B.C. Hydro's since-shelved plans to build a coal-burning generating station on Hat Creek, near Lillooet in the B.C. Interior.

HANNEY/BCTV NEWS

Red Hot store ablaze: frisks and scans

Hansen, who was active in attending antinuclear demonstrations, wrote for the early editions of *Bulldozer*, a paper published by a Toronto organization dedicated to protecting the rights of prisoners. Before moving to Vancouver in 1982, Hansen also wrote for the Toronto *Clarion*, a left-wing monthly newspaper.

The other pair sharing the rented house with Hansen and Taylor—Gerald Hannah and Juliette Belmas—both grew up in the Vancouver area. Before Hannah became "Gerry Useless," the bass guitar player in the Subhumans, a now defunct punk rock group he helped form in 1978, he went to Burnaby North Senior Secondary School. He left school in 1974 after failing to complete Grade 11. Rick Zimmerman, a boyhood friend, remembers him as a teenager absorbed in science fiction. "He became interested in music in high school and always had some band or other going," Zimmerman said. "He had quite low marks and wasn't academic at all."

Hannah's girlfriend, Belmas, the youngest of the defendants, went to school in Port Coquitlam before graduating from Argyle Secondary School in North Vancouver in 1980. Belmas' older brother Peter, a television technician at a station in Reno, Nev., described his sister as a bright, intense girl, eager to try out her arguments on feminism and nuclear disarmament on him. "Half the time I used to play devil's advocate to test her beliefs but most of the time I agreed with her positions," Belmas said. He was not as enthusiastic about her preference for punk fashions, including cropping her hair and dyeing it pink last summer before allowing it to grow out to its normal brown color. The fifth defendant, Douglas David Stewart, is also from Vancouver, but little is known about him except that he has participated in antinuclear demonstrations for the past two years.

The arrests and the display of weapons and explosives captured by police stunned peaceable activists who oppose massive hydro projects, pornography and nuclear weapons but who do not approve of bombings to express opposition. Many activists object to the expropriation of the term Direct Action, the heading on two communiqués justifying the Toronto Litton and B.C. Hydro bombings: it is a phrase that normally refers to people's attempts to take control of their own lives through less violent methods, such as forming food co-ops. "Despite what the police and the news media seem to think, nobody has the DA [Direct Action] franchise in B.C.," grumbled the anarchist publication *B.C. Blackout*. The police, for their part, appear to have sanctioned a kind of indirect action. For example, they have not yet explained why surveillance of the suspects, which was in place before three Red Hot Video stores were attacked on Nov. 22, was not in place around the clock at the time when the stores were fire-bombed.

—MALCOLM GRAY *in Vancouver, with Carol Bruman in Toronto.*

Five charged in bombing of B.C. Hydro substation

VANCOUVER (UPC-CP) — Five suspected members of the extremist group Direct Action were charged yesterday with the $5-million bombing of a B.C. Hydro substation, and with plotting to blow up an icebreaker and military installations.

Two Toronto detectives flew to Vancouver to see if the arrests could provide a lead in their probe of last October's $5-million bombing at Litton Systems Canada Ltd.

Judge B.E. Bastin ordered a ban on publication of all evidence and remanded the five in custody pending a Wednesday court appearance.

The three men and two women were arrested at 9:45 a.m. (12:45 p.m. Montreal time) Thursday on an isolated stretch of highway near Squamish, 80 km north of Vancouver.

The five allegedly referred to themselves at various times as members of Direct Action or the Wimmin's Fire Brigade, Insp. Geoff Davis of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police told a news conference.

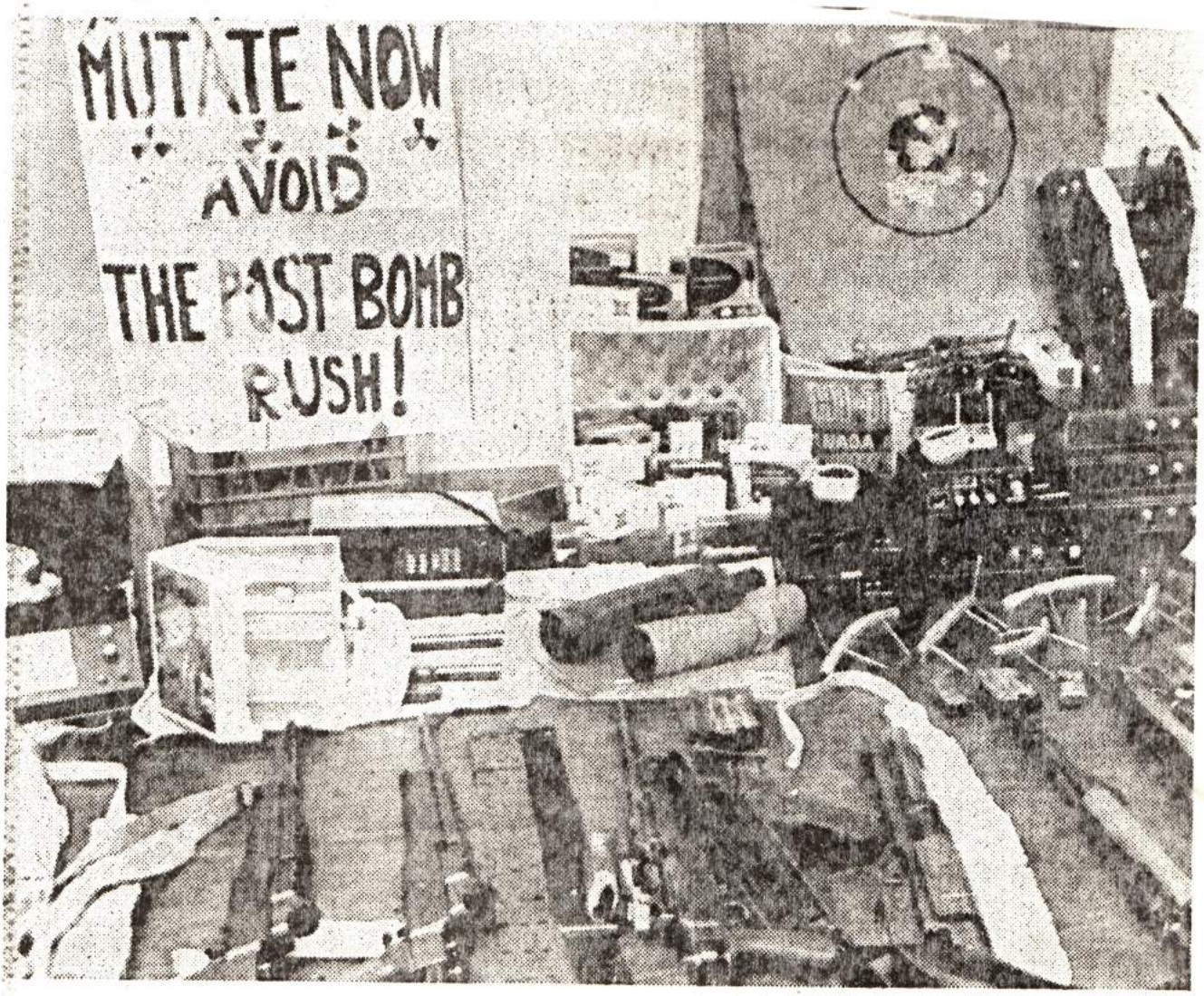
At the same time as the arrests, police raided four homes and businesses in Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster and seized shotguns, rifles, handguns, false identification papers and disguises.

Earlier in the seven-week investigation, Davis disclosed, police had seized about a ton of explosives that had been stolen last July 28 from a Highways Department depot.

Asked if the dynamite stolen from Squamish could have been used in the Litton bombing last Oct. 17, Davis said, "There's a possibility."

Charged in the explosion last May 31 at the Cheekeye-Dunsmuir substation were Brent Taylor, 26; Geral Richard Hannah, 26; Ann Brit Hansen, 29; Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20 - all of New Westminster — and Douglas David Stewart, 25, of Vancouve

The five were charged also wit conspiracy to commit robbery; conspiracy to use explosives to damage a B.C. Hydro power line and the coast guard icebreaker *Terry Fox*, under construction at a Vancouver shipyard; conspiracy to sabotage aircraft, radar equipment and fuel tanks at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta; possessing explosives; wilfully setting fire or attempting to set fire to a Red Hot Video outlet; possession of a prohibited weapon, possession of restricted weapons; theft of a pickup truck, and possession of stolen goods.



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Police seized these guns, explosives and electronic devices in Vancouver-area raids.

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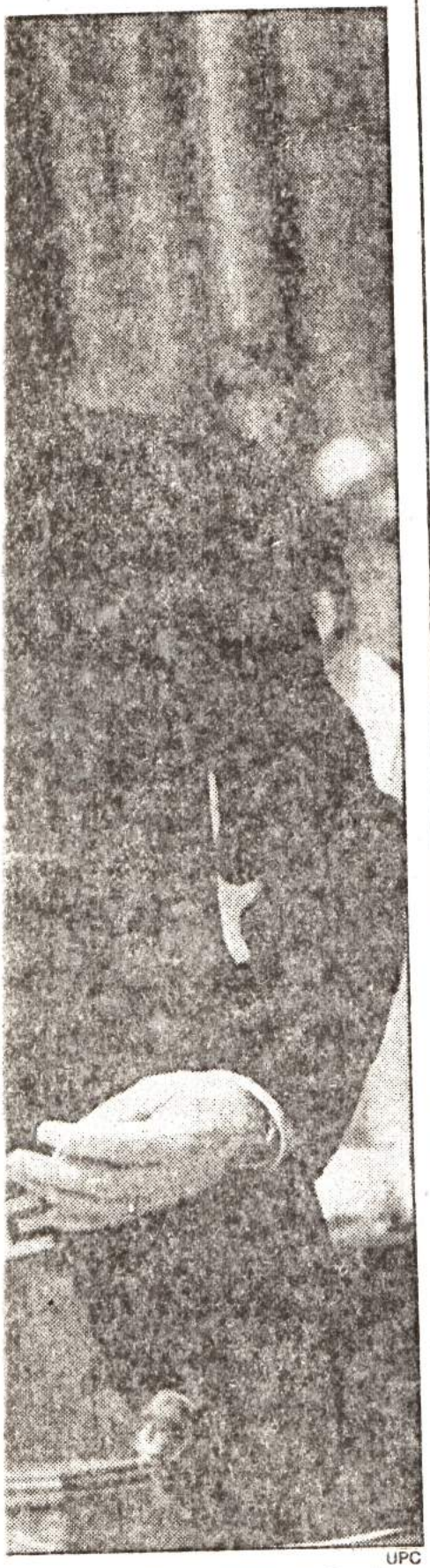

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House of Commons yesterday.

Supporters applaud accused terrorists in B.C. courtroom

VANCOUVER (CP) — Five people charged with terrorist activities were remanded in custody yesterday during a provincial court appearance that took on a carnival atmosphere.

The five, who are accused of dynamiting a hydro substation, firebombing three adult film stores and conspiracy to sabotage a military base, will appear in court again on Feb. 21.

Supporters of the accused were strongly in evidence at the courthouse, particularly at the end of the remand hearing when accused Ann Britt Hansen, 29, of nearby New Westminster, B.C., shouted jubilantly "be strong and resist."

Ban on publication

Her statement as the accused, all in their 20s, were led out of the courtroom brought enthusiastic applause from many of the 75 spectators.

In addition to adjourning the proceedings, Judge Brian Bastin also ordered a ban on publication of evidence.

The two accused women and three men were remanded in custody to separate institutions in suburban Burnaby. Also charged are Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Richard Hannah, 26, and Juliet Caroline Belmas, 20, also of New Westminster, and Douglas David Stewart, 25, of Vancouver.

During the 12-minute court appearance, several of the accused mouthed words and made signals in an effort to communicate with some spectators in the courtroom. The women — in particular Hansen — smiled and laughed several times from the prisoner's dock.

All five face the following charges:

- Dynamiting B.C. Hydro's Dunsmuir substation at Qualicum Bay on eastern Vancouver Island May 31, 1982.
- Conspiracy to sabotage aircraft, radar equipment and fuel tanks at Canadian Forces Base, Cold Lake, Alta.; conspiracy to rob a Brinks armored car guard; conspiracy to use explosives to damage the Cheekye-Dunsmuir power line to Vancouver Island from the mainland and the Gulf Oil company icebreaker *Terry Fox* under construction here.
- Wilfully setting fire to Red Hot Video outlets Nov. 22, 1982, in suburban North Vancouver and Surrey and attempting to set fire to a Red Hot Video store in nearby Port Coquitlam.
- Possession of prohibited and restricted weapons that include handguns, fully-automatic and semi-automatic rifles.

A group calling itself Direct Action claimed responsibility for the hydro facility bombing and also for the Oct. 14, 1982 dynamiting of Litton Systems of Toronto, a subsidiary of Litton Industries Inc. of California which makes the cruise missile guidance system. Seven people were injured in the attack.

Direct Action said it bombed the power substation to protest industrial expansion which has "raped and mutilated the Earth for 200 years."

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Hit Clark with pie

Taylor has been in the news before. He hit Conservative Leader Joe Clark on the back of the head with a pie during a question-and-answer session at the Univeristy of B.C. on Nov. 29, 1977. Taylor identified himself at that time as a member of the New Questioning Coyote Brigade. No charges were laid in the incident.

Hannah was a member of the Subhumans punk rock band until a year and a half ago and went by the name Gerry Useless.

Hansen, who left Toronto two years ago, has been associated with an organization called Women Against Prisons. While in Toronto she was a volunteer worker with the *Toronto Clarion*, a community newspaper.

Stewart, 25, worked with a group called Pacific Life Community which has campaigned extensively against the Trident nuclear submarine base in Bangor, Wash.

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Cinq «anarchistes» accusés d'attentats

VANCOUVER (PC) — Cinq extrémistes appartenant au même groupe d'anarchistes ont été formellement accusés hier d'actes de sabotage, incluant des attaques à la bombe et des incendies criminels contre des installations militaires et des centrales électriques de la Colombie-Britannique.

Les cinq prévenus, vêtus de tuniques bleues de parachutistes, ont passé rapidement devant un juge de la Cour provinciale, qui leur a refusé tout cautionnement et devant qui ils devront comparaître à nouveau mercredi.

Ils ont été appréhendés à une centaine de kilomètres au nord de Vancouver par des policiers qui, se faisant passer pour des employés du ministère de la Voirie, avaient dressé un barrage routier.

Les cinq suspects n'ont offert aucune résistance à l'équipe anti-terroriste de la Gendarmerie royale. Les policiers ont saisi tout un arsenal d'armes automatiques, de fusils et de revolvers ainsi que de fausses cartes d'identité, des déguisements, de l'équipement d'alpinisme et des pamphlets gauchistes.

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◆ Anarchistes

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Les enquêteurs ne seraient pas étonnés d'apprendre, en cours de route, que cette bande aurait des liens avec les responsables de l'explosion survenue en octobre dernier à l'usine Litton System, de Toronto, qui fabrique notamment le système de téléguidage des missiles américains Cruise.

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Selon les limiers, les anarchistes étaient très bien organisés et la maison qui leur servait de repaire, et qui était surveillée par les enquêteurs, était bien tenue.

L'inspecteur Geoff Davis, un vétéran de 29 années dans la Gendarmerie royale, a laissé entendre hier que l'opération policière qui a mené à ces arrestations était l'une des plus importantes de sa carrière.

La police soupçonnait la bande de projeter l'attaque d'une autre cible importante dans un proche avenir.

Les enquêteurs n'ont pas voulu dire si certains des suspects faisaient partie du groupe extrémiste Action Directe ou s'ils constituaient une cellule appartenant à une organisation nationale quelconque.

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ACTES DE SABOTAGE CONTRE DES INSTALLATIONS MILITAIRES EN C-B.

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Tous dans la vingtaine

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Selon l'inspecteur Geoff Davis, un vétéran qui compte 29 années de service dans la Gendarmerie royale, l'opération policière, qui a duré sept semaines, est l'une des plus sérieuses à laquelle il a participé au cours de sa longue carrière.

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LA PRESSE, MONTRÉAL, SAMEDI 29 JANVIER 1983

Mise à jour d'un complot pour saboter une base de fusées Cruise

VANCOUVER (AP-AFP) — La police canadienne a annoncé la découverte d'un complot visant à saboter une base militaire où doivent être essayés des fusées « Cruise ». Cinq jeunes gens de la région de Vancouver — trois hommes et deux femmes — ont été arrêtés le 20 janvier.

Ann Hanson, 29 ans, Brent Taylor, 26 ans, Gerald Hannah, 26 ans, Juliet Belmas, 20 ans et Douglas Stewart, 25 ans, sont par ailleurs accusés du dynamitage d'une sous-station électrique au nom de la sauvegarde de l'environnement, et d'avoir utilisé des engins incendiaires contre trois magasins d'une chaîne de cassettes vidéo pornographiques dénoncée par des féministes.

L'attentat contre la sous-statin électrique, commis en mai, avait été revendiqué par un groupe s'intitulant « Action directe ». Ce même groupe a depuis revendiqué un autre attentat commis le 14 octobre contre une usine de la banlieue de Toronto qui fabrique le système de guidage de la fusée « Cruise ». Cet attentat avait fait sept blessés et pour $5 millions de dégâts.

Quatre des cinq accusés ont également a répondre du vol de trois voitures. Et tous les cinq sont accusés de complot pour dévaliser un fourgon blindé, complot pour saboter un brise-glace, et complot pour saboter la base de Cold Lake (Alberta), où vont être essayées les fusées « Cruise ».

« Soyez forts »

Les cinq jeunes gens ont comparu brièvement mercredi devant le juge. Plusieurs dizaines de policiers en uniforme ou en civil avaient été mobilisés pour l'audience, fouillant toutes les personnes admises dans la salle. À la fin de l'audience, une des accusées, Ann Hansen, a crié « Soyez forts et résistez » à l'adresse une cinquantaine de militants venus dans la salle et qui l'ont acclamée.

L'arrestation des activistes avait couronné une longue enquête. Les suspects étaient surveillés depuis quelque temps et les policiers décidèrent de leur tendre une embuscade sur une route de montage qu'ils devaient emprunter à bord d'une camionnette. Un barrage fut établi par des policiers déguisés en ouvriers des ponts et chaussées, tandis que la circulation était déviée, sauf pour la camionnette qui fut autorisée à s'engager sur la route. Lorsque les « cantonniers » sortirent leurs armes, les cinq jeunes gens n'opposèrent aucune résitance.

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5 arrested in B.C. for Litton bombing

VANCOUVER (CP-UPC) — Five suspects have been arrested in the bombings of the Litton Systems plant in Etobicoke, Metro Police Chief Jack Ackroyd confirmed early today.

The five, three men and two women, have also been charged with blowing up a B. C. Hydro substation and firebombing three porno video stores near Vancouver, he said.

An RCMP spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report, saying only that police had scheduled a news conference for today to disclose details on a number of arrests. However, the suspects are believed to be facing up to 15 charges each.

CISQ FM radio station in Vancouver reported that the five were captured in a van near Squamish, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Vancouver and that a large cache of arms was found in the van.

The radio also said that 38 cases of dynamite, a case of primer cord and three boxes of electrical blasting caps had been stolen from a provincial highways department store near where the arrests were made. Another radio station, CKNW, said the explosives were in the van when the arrests were made.

The five were seized in a dramatic arrest involving several dozen policemen in an elaborate plan to separate the suspects from other people.

Police, dressed as traffic department flagmen, had closed off a highway from Squamish to the ski resort of Whistler because of "landslides."

However, they let the van through after warning the driver to drive carefully.

While the van was on an isolated stretch of road, more police in Jeeps forced the van to stop and arrested the occupants.

There was no violence and no one was injured, police said later.

Another radio report said the arrests capped weeks of surveillance by a special RCMP team, British Columbia's Co-ordinated Law Enforcement Unit and Metro Toronto police.

A group calling itself Direct Action has

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Five suspects seized in Litton bombing

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claimed responsibility for the Oct. 14 Litton blast.

The plant makes guidance systems for cruise missiles and has been the target for many protest demonstrations by pacifist groups.

The saboteurs drove a van packed with high explosives up to the front of one of the buildings in Litton's complex on City View Dr., Etobicoke. The explosion blew out the front of the building and injured seven people, including a policeman who had got out of his cruiser to examine the van.

An intensive investigation was launched by Metro police who feared that an international Communist terror gang might have been involved in the explosion.

Members of peace groups that had demonstrated against Litton were also subjected to investigation. Police raided the offices of one group and seized documents.

The five are also accused of blowing up the Dunsmuir substation, near Parksville, B.C., in May.

The group, in a letter claiming responsibility for the blast, claimed it blewww up the substation because it opposed industrial development on Vancouver Island.

The RCMP said at the time that the saboteurs appeared to be familiar with handling high explosives.

The explosion had such a serious impact on the hydro system on Vancouver Island that officials warned they might have to impose power rationing during the winter.

In both explosions, damage was estimated at $5 million.

A group calling itself the Wimmin's Fire Brigade claimed responsibility for firebombing three Red Hot Video outlets in the Vancouver area to protest the distribution of pornographic video movies. The Wimmin's Fire Brigade "is one of a number of loosely-knit anarchist cells with connections across Canada," a police source told the Province. "Those arrested are locally based."

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Five charged in B.C. over Litton bombing

By ZUHAIR KASHMERI

Five people have been arrested and charged in the bombing last Oct. 14 at the Litton Systems Canada Ltd. plant in Rexdale, Ont.

The arrests were made yesterday near Squamish, B.C., 60 kilometres (37 miles) north of Vancouver.

A Metro Toronto Police spokesman said the five, who he said "go under the guise of Anarchists," were arrested while on the way to an isolated spot that group members used for target practice.

Those arrested have also been charged in the explosion last May at a B.C. Hydro power station near Nanaimo on Vancouver Island that caused $5-million damage and the fire-bombing of three Vancouver-area outlets of the Red Hot Video stores, which deal in the sale of sex-oriented videotapes.

Sergeant John Pateman of Metro Toronto Police said in an interview last night that Staff Sgt. Alan Clark and Sgt. William DeConky, two of the Metro officers involved in the investigation of the Litton bombing, were in Vancouver as part of the arrest team.

The investigating officers were from five forces that also included the Vancouver City Police, the Burnaby police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Sgt. Pateman said another B.C. municipal force was involved, but he couldn't recall which one.

Sgt. Pateman said he had no idea whether those arrested had any connection with the various peace groups in Ontario whose offices had been raided by the investigators amid protests from the groups.

Police in British Columbia were tight-lipped last night about the details of the arrests and the names of those arrested, saying that a press conference will be held this morning.

Metro Toronto Police said they believed the five arrested included two B.C. women.

Police in B.C. would not confirm reports that a cache of arms and explosives was seized after the arrests.

Squamish was the site of a large dynamite theft about a month after the B.C Hydro bombing. Police did not solve the theft, but they s later it was the same type of dy mite used in the Litton bombing.

Sgt. Pateman said that, initially, the five will be tried in Vancouver over the bombings in that province. He was not certain whether the five would also be tried in Vancouver over the charges in the Litton explosion.

Police sources said they were prepared for violence, but the arrests were made without incident.

Those arrested had been under surveillance by the RCMP since the middle of last year, sources said.

The Litton bombing involved about 500 pounds of dynamite that was left in a van outside the plant, which produces the guidance system for the U.S. cruise missiles.

A threat about the dynamite had been phoned to police and Litton minutes before the explosion, which injured seven people, blew out half the wall of the two-story factory and hurled debris over a wide area.

A group calling itself Direct Action had claimed responsibility for the explosion.

A group calling itself Direct Action also claimed responsibility for the bombing of the B.C. Hyd tation. Forensic experts who ced together the debris from that bombing believed that at least 400 pounds

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Arrests made in B.C.

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of dynamite was used.

Direct Action sent a typewritten letter after the blast that was a tirade against "ecological destruction and human oppression inherent in the industrial societies" and vowed to make Canada an unsafe place for "capitalists and their projects."

The bombing damaged a 100-ton transformer at the Dunsmuir power station, Vancouver Island's terminal for the 500-kilovolt Cheekeye-Dunsmuir transmission line under construction to carry power from the mainland to the island.

On Nov. 22, a group calling itself the Wimmin's Fire Brigade, firebombed the Surrey, B.C., outlet of the Red Hot Video store, destroying it and three neighboring stores. The same day, another outlet of the chain in North Vancouver was damaged and police sucessfully removed incendiary bombs from a third one in Port Coquitlam, B.C.

A letter from the group called the bombings, the second attempt in two months against the chain, "another step toward the destruction of a business that promotes and profits from violence against women and children."

The first attempt against the chain occurred last October, when a gasoline bomb was hurled in a Vancouver store of Red Hot Video but failed to go off.

Direct Action boasted of 'ecotage'

Soon after an early morning bomb explosion caused $4.5 million damage to the Dunsmuir substation on Vancouver Island, a radical environmentalist group calling itself Direct Action claimed responsibility.

The blast on May 31, 1982, occurred near Qualicum. The substation is part of the Cheekye-Dunsmuir 500-kilovolt line designed to move power to the Island after October 1983.

An anonymous caller to a Vancouver radio station said later that an underground group of 37 masterminded the blast which destroyed three huge reactors, a crane, and damaged a fourth reactor.

The caller also claimed that the group was responsible for damage to a heavy reactor on Texada Island a week before, which Hydro had attributed to a lightning strike.

The blasts were an act of "ecotage" — environment-related sabotage — the group claimed.

A letter sent to newspapers a few days after the Dunsmuir blast by a group calling itself Direct Action read: "We must make this an insecure and uninhabitable place for capitalists and their projects. This is the best contribution towards protecting the earth and struggling for a liberated society."

A $25,000 reward for information on the blast posted by Hydro was increased to $125,000 June 25, 1982.

Two months after the blast, more than a tonne of dynamite was stolen from a B.C. highways department powder magazine in Squamish.

On Oct. 14, Direct Action claimed responsibility for the bombing of a Litton Systems plant in Toronto, in which four plant workers and three policemen were injured. In a letter sent later to a Toronto left-wing weekly newspaper, the group said it regretted the injuries from the blast. The bombing caused $5 million in damage to the plant, which manufactures guidance systems for U.S. cruise missiles.

On Nov. 22, 1982, three Lower Mainland Red Hot Video outlets were attacked by arsonists calling themselves the Wimmin's Fire Brigade.

Fire destroyed the Surrey outlet, along with a neighboring shoe store and two other nearby vacant stores, and damaged a bathroom at the back of the North Vancouver outlet. Two unexploded molotov cocktails were found inside the Port Coquitlam store. No one was hurt in those incidents.

A letter delivered to newspapers and agencies at the time of the arson attack stated: "... all lawful attempts to shut down Red Hot Video have failed because the justice system was created and is controlled by rich men to protect their profits and property."

POLICE 'FLAGMEN' STOP VAN

5 charged in bombings

—Dan Scott photo

ARMS SEIZED . . . weapons, ammunition, explosives and radios on display at CLEU's Vancouver HQ today

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Intensive search nets 'extremists'

Charges ranging from bombing to conspiracy to commit sabotage at a Canadian Forces base were laid today against five members of what police called an extremist group.

The five, three men and two women, were arrested Thursday north of Squamish by police posing as highway department workers.

Police identified the five as Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Hannah, 26, Ann Hansen, 29, Juliet Bemas, 20, all of 1414 10th, New Westminster, and Douglas Stewart, 25, of 3895 Windermere, Vancouver.

Stolen dynamite may have focused police attention in the Squamish area.

On July 28, 33 cases of dynamite, one case of timer cord and three boxes of electrical blasting caps were stolen from a highways department magazine five kilometres north of Squamish. RCMP speculate the robber either had a key for the magazine or picked the lock. Squamish RCMP said it was unlikely an amateur was responsible for the robbery.

The charges, one of which has not yet been laid and involves only some of the five, also include incidents at the B.C. Hydro Dunsmuir substation on Vancouver Island, Litton Industries in Toronto and Red Hot Video stores in the Vancouver area.

In addition, all five have been charged with conspiracy to commit sabotage against the Canadian Forces Base at Cold Lake, Alberta, and conspiracy to damage the icebreaker Terry Fox, now under construction in North Vancouver.

The five arrested, all wearing blue jump suits, made an unannounced court appearance in Vancouver at 9 a.m. today and were remanded in custody to 2 p.m. next Wednesday.

An hour after the court appearance, Supt. Stan Ziola, acting deputy chief of the Vancouver police force, said at a press conference that an intensive seven-week investigation by a special force in cooperation with the Coordinated Law Enforcement Unit led to the arrests.

He said the charges cover the past 10 months and are also related to plans for future activities.

The superintendent said the charges involved:

- Causing damage to the Dunsmuir substation of B.C. Hydro on May 31, 1982, resulting in about $4.5 million damage.
- Possessing explosive substances — dynamite, blasting caps, switching devices, gelatin, diagrams and timing devices — with intent to cause serious damage to the substation.
- Conspiracy to use explosives for the unlawful purpose of causing damage to the Cheekye-Dunsmuir transmission line of B.C. Hydro.
- Conspiracy to use explosives to damage the icebreaker at the Burrard-

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—Ralph Bower photo

AT PRESS CONFERENCE . . . Crown counsel Jim Jardine, acting deputy chief const. Stan Ziola, CLEU Insp. Geoff Davis

Bombing suspects nabbed

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Yarrows shipyard, North Vancouver.

- Conspiracy to commit sabotage against aircraft, radar equipment and fuel tanks at the Cold Lake base.
- Conspiracy to rob a Brink's armored car guard.
- Wilfully setting fire to the Red Hot Video outlet at 965 Marine Dr., North Vancouver.
- Wilfully setting fire to the Red Hot Video outlet at 9440 120th St., Surrey.
- Wilfully attempting to set fire to the Red Hot Video outlet at 2215 Coquitlam Ave, Port Coquitlam.
- Possessing a prohibited weapon, a Ruger .223 calibre Mini-14 fully automatic gun.
- Possessing restricted weapons — a .357 magnum revolver, a .44 magnum eight-inch barrel revolver, a 9-mm. Luger, a Colt .45 semi-automatic pistol and two Ruger .233-calibre Mini-14 semi-automatic rifles.
- Theft of a pickup truck.
- Possession of a large quantity of stolen property taken in numerous thefts during the past several months.
- Three counts of vehicle theft, against all except Stewart.

Supt. Ziola said that, in addition, some members of the group will be charged with the bombing of the Litton Systems plant in Toronto, where seven people were injured and damage was estimated at $5 million.

He said Toronto police have flown to Vancouver in connection with that incident.

The superintendent said the arrests were made by emergency response teams from the Burnaby and North Vancouver detachments posing as highway department employees.

He said this was because police had every reason to believe their targets were heavily armed.

Several handguns and rifles were found in the vehicle together with hundreds of rounds of ammunition, he added.

Following the press conference, reporters were allowed to view the arsenal at CLEU headquarters. The items seized included literature such as manuals on firearms and demolition techniques.

Ziola said the only injury was to one policeman who cut his hand on a vehicle window during the arrests.

While the arrests were being made, he said, other officers staged raids on four homes and business property in Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster.

"Numerous other shotguns, rifles and handguns were seized, along with stolen portable radios, false identification papers, disguises, mountaineering equipment, camping gear, cold weather clothing and extremist literature," the superintendent added.

He said an estimated 2,000 pounds of high explosives were seized earlier in the investigation. The dynamite is being stored somewhere "outside the city," according to CLEU spokesman Stan Shillington.

A special force was assembled to handle the investigation under the Joint Forces Operation, the investigative arm of CLEU, Supt. Ziola said.

He said regular joint forces officers were reinforced by police from the Burnaby, North Vancouver, Surrey, Coquitlam, Langley and Vancouver HQ detachments, together with the Vancouver Integrated Intelligence Unit and Vancouver city police.

Police from Parksville and Squamish were also involved during the investigation, he said.

RCMP Insp. Geoff Davis of CLEU said that every scientific and technical means were used during the investigation, including "good old-fashioned police work."

The inspector said the authorities are also looking at the possibility that this group could be linked to other groups but it's too early to tell at this stage.

Asked whether he would consider the suspects professionals, Davis would only say that they were "skilled in their activities."

According to a source at the scene, the arrests were made at Brohm Ridge, 15 kilometres north of Squamish on Highway 99.

A a result of the bombing at Litton Systems, Squamish RCMP began cooperating with Toronto police. They also were pursuing at the time a joint investigation with the serious crime squad in Vancouver.

After the attacks against the Litton plant and the B.C. Hydro substation, letters claiming responsibility were sent to The Vancouver Sun and a Toronto weekly. Because both letters h the signature "Direct Action," po here and in Toronto began an investigation to determine if the same organization was involved in the two bombings. In both cases, a dynamite-filled van was used as the "bomb."

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Roundup nets anarchist cell

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Province Crime Reporter

At least five, and possibly six, members of an anarchist cell were arrested near Squamish Thursday and will face multiple charges relating to a series of bombings, robberies and arson attacks, police sources say.

And a large cache of "powerful firearms, explosives and bombs in an advanced state of manufacture" were expected to be seized overnight, the sources say.

"The charges to be laid against the cell members will relate to the May, 1982, bombing of the Dunsmuir B.C. Hydro substation on Vancouver Island, the October bombing at Litton Industries in Toronto, and the arson attacks on Red Hot Video stores," said one source.

A group calling itself Direct Action claimed responsibility for the Dunsmuir-Litton incidents. An anonymous feminist group called The Wimmin's Fire Brigade took credit for the firebombings and arson attacks on three porn videotape stores, but the two groups appear to be one and the same.

Officially, the RCMP remains tight-lipped about the Squamish raid, but the sources have confirmed the arrests and say a sixth member could have been picked up in Vancouver.

Background to Direct Action and bombings. Page A4

Surveillance was placed on four men and two women some months ago. The RCMP has said "an important announcement" will be made at a news conference today.

"The group is one of a number of loosely-knit anarchist cells with connections across Canada," said one source. "Those arrested are locally based."

The theory that Direct Action was based in B.C. was floated very early in the investigation. The choice of B.C. Hydro as a target was the first clue and the communique issued after the Litton bombing reinforced the hunch.

The communique mentioned a demonstration held at the Port Moody firm of Heed International, which built cranes for the U.S. Trident nuclear submarines in the mid-1970s.

It was thought unlikely that anybody other than westerners would mention such a minor demonstration compared with the many, higher-profile demonstrations occurring elsewhere in Canada.

The RCMP Security Service is said to have provided key leads in the investigation which has made major progress in recent months.

A combination of RCMP and city police officers placed 24-hour surveillance on a number of residences and office premises just over a month ago.

The anarchists' base is thought to be in the east end of Vancouver and the residences are scattered around the Lower Mainland.

Information gleaned from observation and listening devices gave the police sufficient evidence to move in. Two officers said suspicion of a planned armed robbery and fears of bomb blasts at new targets prompted police to strike.

"I heard a group had been practising regularly with firearms at a place near Squamish," said one police officer.

"Emergency Response teams were standing by but fortunately the suspects were caught by surprise."

The source of the firearms is not known, but the explosives are thought to be part of a tonne stolen from the B.C. highways department powder magazine in Squamish last summer.

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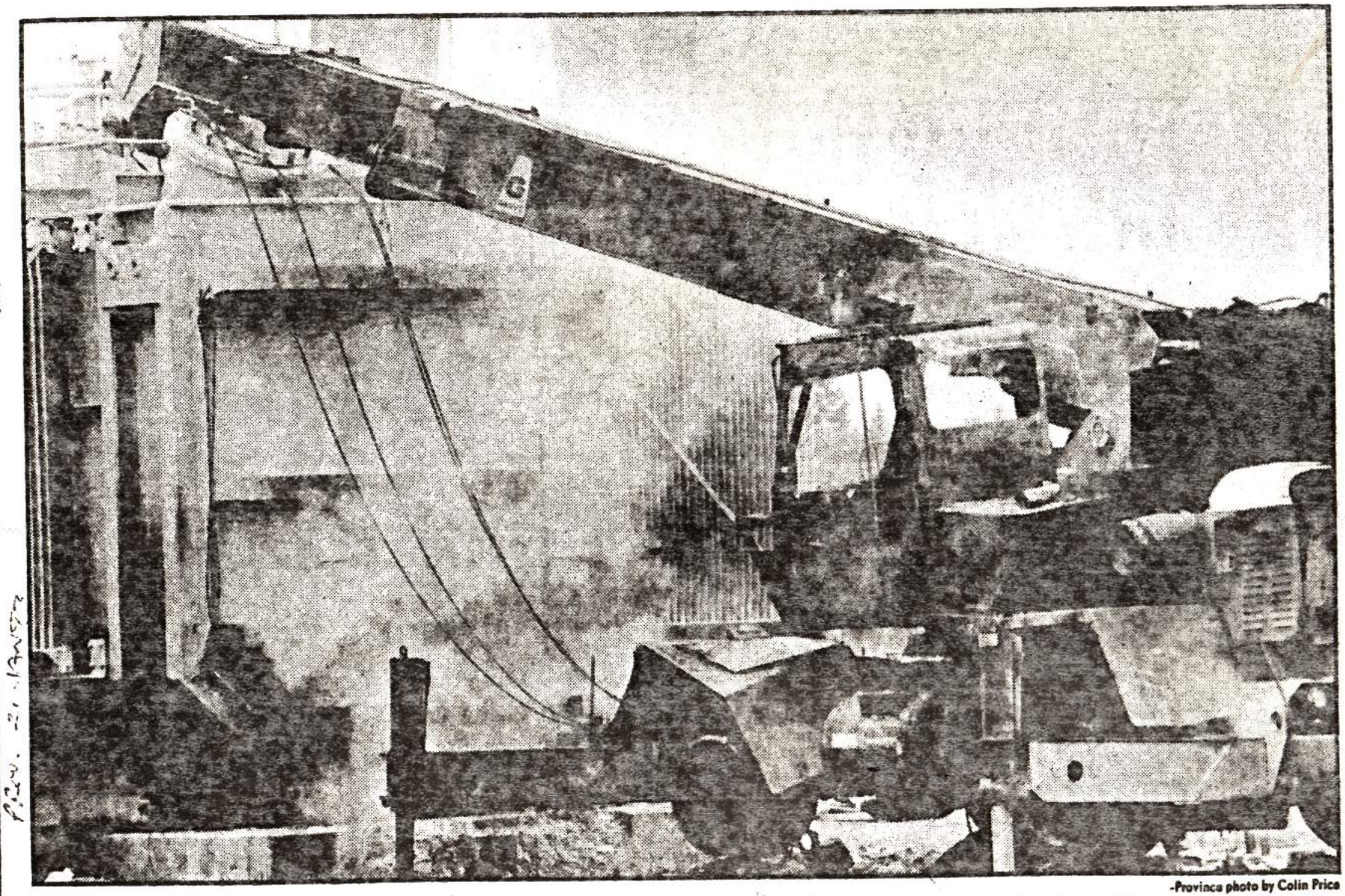
Metro Toronto bomb squad expert combs the undergrowth for clues after the 1982 blast at the Litton Systems plant.



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A radical environmentalist group calling itself Direct Action claimed responsibility for this damage to the Dunsmuir substation on Vancouver Island last May.

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After the roadblock: rifles, shotguns, revolvers and E.T. lunch bucket

The arrests on Highway 99

For skiers driving out of Vancouver along Highway 99 near the resort town of Whistler last Thursday morning, the highway flagmen in orange hard hats and safety vests were a familiar sight on a road where rockslides—and closures—are common. However, the 10 casually dressed men at the roadblocks had something other than motorist safety in mind when they flagged down a pickup truck, carrying three men and two women, as it entered an isolation zone between two barriers. In reality, the "highway workers" were RCMP officers. With Whistler-bound skiers safely stopped outside the zone, the special squad moved in and quietly arrested the five. Later, they were charged in connection with a startling series of bombings. With the arrests and the seizure of an arsenal of large-calibre handguns and rifles, the police claim to have broken up an extremist group. The charges relate to the bombing of a B.C. Hydro substation on Vancouver Island last May 31, to a conspiracy to sabotage an Alberta military base, and to three fires in the Vancouver area on Nov. 22.

The police had been watching the five youthful suspects for seven weeks. They finally moved in because they feared the group was about to strike again. The charges include conspiracy to rob a Brinks armored car, to use explosives at a powerline and an icebreaker construction site, and to sabotage aircraft, radar and fuel tanks at the Canadian Forces base at Cold Lake, Alta. The base is the site of planned tests of the U.S. cruise missile, whose guidance system is manufactured at Litton Systems Canada Ltd., in Toronto, wnere a bomb blast last October injured seven people and caused $5-million damage. A group calling itself Direct Action claimed credit for that dynamite attack as well as for the Vancouver Island substation bombing that caused $4.5-million damage. In a prepared statement last week RCMP Insp. Geoff Davis declared that in addition to the B.C. charges, "some members of this group will be charged with the bombing of the Litton Systems plant in Toronto."

Four of the suspects arrested in British Columbia—Brent Taylor, 26, Gerald Hannah, 26, Ann Hansen, 29, and Juliet Belmas, 20—shared the same house in New Westminster, while Douglas Stewart, 25, lived in Vancouver. The literature seized, police say, was extremist in nature. Taylor has been a familiar figure at left-wing demonstrations in Vancouver for years. In November, 1977, he hit Opposition Leader Joe Clark in the back of the head with a cream pie. Clark was the fourth prominent political target within a month in Vancouver. The self-styled Anarchist Party of Canada (Groucho Marxist wing) claimed responsibility.

Last week's arrests took place near a B.C. government explosives depot where 38 cases of dynamite were stolen last July. "We believe they [the suspects] were on their way to target practice at an abandoned farm north of Squamish," said Davis, who was in charge of the surveillance and the arrests. He stood before a table loaded with enough equipment for an army combat team—or a terrorist group. The haul included four handguns, two semi-automatic rifles and one machine-gun, as well as shotguns, hunting rifles and camouflage jackets. According to police, there was also an E.T. lunch bucket rigged to carry explosives. The police said that the confiscated matériel is only a fraction of the tonne of explosives, weapons and hundreds of rounds of ammunition seized.

In communiqués Direct Action cited political justification for the bombings: B.C. Hydro was attacked for environmental reasons and Litton for building parts for nuclear weapons. After fires at Red Hot Video outlets, a group calling itself the Wimmin's Fire Brigade condemned the stores for selling pornography. When the five suspects appeared in court Friday morning to face 15 different charges that included bombings, conspiracies to commit further attacks and robbery, they appeared relaxed in police-supplied blue jumpsuits. They smiled and made clenched-fist salutes. Lawyer Stan Guenther was critical of the atmosphere surrounding his clients' case. "The police are giving out a good deal of information," he said, "and attempting to try this in the press." This week the police will put their case in court.

—MALCOLM GRAY
in Vancouver.

RCMP's Davis (right): more targets?

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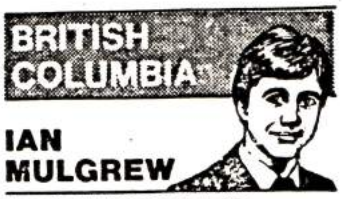
Trial by Media: burning questions



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In VANCOUVER

THE HALF-INCH thick, photocopied dossier is labelled simply Trial by Media. Along with a commentary by Donald Stewart, who runs a small, downtown bookstore, it contains much of the reporting that followed the arrest of five B.C. residents charged with bombing three video stores and a hydro-electric substation.

From MacLeod's Books, Mr. Stewart has been handing out copies of the file in the hope that people will think about the issues it raises. He has been involved in many civil liberties causes including spearheading the attack two years ago on the Vancouver bylaw which banned posters.

Mr. Stewart points out that on Jan. 21 The Globe and Mail reported: "Five people have been arrested and charged in the bombing last Oct. 14 at the Litton Systems Canada Ltd. plant in Rexdale Ont." He goes on to quote the 700-word story as saying the five "go under the guise of anarchists." A later story he quotes states that others also would soon be charged. The obvious problems, Mr. Stewart states, is that three weeks later no one else has been arrested and the five, who deny they are anarchists, have not been charged with the bombing of Litton.

Mr. Stewart documents the treatment each newspaper and magazine gave the events. The Vancouver Province announced the arrests with the headline: "Roundup nets anarchist cell." Its story went on to use the term "cell" throughout and to reveal that a "source" had said, "The group is one of a number of loosely knit anarchist cells with connections across Canada."

"In summary an example of sensationalist and . . . journalism . . . It creates a climate of hysteria." Mr. Stewart says he produced the dossier as a reference work for those who believe the five deserve a fair trial and to be presumed innocent.

The Vancouver Sun referred to the five as "accused terrorists" and suggested links between them and armored car robbers in Edmonton, he wrote. He found a Toronto Star report to be particularly objectionable. The background story of a tour of "Vancouver's thriving radical community . . ." is sensationalism, Mr. Stewart concludes. The dossier goes on and on in a litany of "inaccurate" reportage. The broadcasters were no better, Mr. Stewart says. They succumbed to the same temptations that claimed their print colleagues.

In one incident that has Mr. Steward and others particularly upset, a CBC television reporter entered the house in which four of the accused lived, sifted through their garbage and read from their private journals and poetry. "He obviously found his niche," Blackout, a B.C. left-wing mimeographed paper, said.

The supporters of those charged say that the zeal reporters showed for getting every scrap of information about the accused was missing when it came to questioning police methods and their handling of the arrests. And, indeed, the circumstances surrounding the arrests are cloudy. The only injury suffered was by a member of the assault team who cut his hand, police said, on glass in the back of the pickup truck the five were riding in. Now the city buzzes with rumors that tactical squad officers fired tear gas through the windows of the truck, shoved guns into the faces of the five and dragged them out through the shattered glass. Police have refused to discuss the matter.

Mr. Stewart also questions the display of the seized arsenal of weapons and communications equipment but the dearth of information about their origin and owners.

Mr. Stewart and others here are asking some tough questions: who benefits from this kind of pre-trial coverage?

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Police watched theft of cars by 4 in Brink's case, jury told

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NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. — Police surveillance teams watched four people now on trial for conspiracy to rob a Brink's truck steal three vehicles more than a week before they were arrested, a B.C. Supreme Court jury was told yesterday.

Prosecutor Kevin Gillett told the court that police had also watched those four and a fifth accused as they practiced target shooting in a canyon off the Squamish Highway north of Vancouver.

The Crown attorney made the statements as he outlined the prosecution's case against the five, who are also accused of theft of weapons and the vehicles, which the Crown says were intended for use in the Brink's robbery.

Mr. Gillett said he will call more than 100 witnesses over the three to four months he estimates the trial will take.

The jury of six men and six women has been excluded from the courtroom since mid-October so the judge could determine the admissibility of certain evidence in their absence.

Accused are Juliet Belmas, 21; Gerald Hannah, 26; Ann Hansen, 30; Douglas Stewart, 26; and Brent Taylor, 27. They face up to 11 charges each.

The five sat quiet yesterday, either reading, passing notes or whispering to one another. The three men sit in one dock, while the two women sit in the other. The docks are adjacent, separated by a glass partition.

Mr. Stewart wore a red checkered bandanna around his head and a green-and-beige T-shirt with a large numeral 5 on the front and back. Mr. Taylor wore a T-shirt with a poem called Water for Life printed on the back, surrounded by a North American Indian motif. Mr. Hannah and the two women were also dressed informally in shirts and sweaters.

The public seats were half full, mostly with reporters and friends or supporters of the accused.

There were no demonstrations outside the courthouse as there had been on Sept. 6, 1983, when the proceedings started and during the arraignment of the accused last February.

Mr. Gillett said the Crown will attempt to show that the accused were planning the robbery of a Brink's truck for two months before their arrest on Jan. 20, 1983.

Four of them, he said, stole two cars in Vancouver on the night of Jan. 11, 1983, in preparation for the robbery. The next night they stole another because one of the first two was not working properly, he said.

The prosecutor said that during the car thefts they used walkie-talkie radios stolen July 12, 1982, from Marmot Basin ski resort in Jasper, Alta., along with some mountaineering equipment and tools that the Crown says were found in the possession of the accused.

At the time of the arrests, he said, the accused had a total of 20 weapons — handguns, shotguns and rifles — and 5,500 rounds of ammunition.

While some of the weapons were purchased openly, Mr. Gillett said, 12 were stolen by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Stewart from the house of a gun collector in Richmond, B.C., on the night of Dec. 7, 1981.

When arrested on the Squamish Highway in a truck stolen the previous July, the prosecutor said, the accused had five of the stolen weapons with them. He said another was found at the house in New Westminster where all except Mr. Stewart lived, another in the Vancouver basement suite that Mr. Stewart rented and the remaining five in two Vancouver storage lockers.

The prosecutor told the jurors they will hear from police witnesses who followed the accused on three occasions to a canyon off the Squamish Highway, where they were seen shooting at silhouette targets.

Later, hundreds of spent rounds of ammunition were picked up there by police, he said.

The prosecutor said he will introduce into evidence notes and maps made by the accused showing surveillance of armored trucks coming and going at various Vancouver-area shopping centres.

Also seized from the accused, the court was told, were a scanner for listening to police radio, lengths of plastic hose with nails driven through them, four wigs, and books dealing with car theft, getaway driving and burglary.

The Crown will also try to show that the accused used various aliases when renting homes and storage lockers. It is alleged that the alias Dave Denard was used by either Mr. Stewart or Mr. Taylor to buy 2,000 rounds of .45-calibre ammunition at Klondike Arms in Calgary.

Earlier, Mr. Justice S. Martin Toy cautioned the jurors not to discuss the case with their friends friends or families, and not to eat in the courthouse cafeteria where they might overhear conversations about the case.

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Court told weapons seized when five arrested in B.C.

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NEW WESTMINSTER — Several weapons and quantities of ammunition were seized on Jan. 28, 1983, from a truck that was carrying five people now on trial for conspiracy to rob a Brink's truck, the B.C. Supreme Court was told yesterday.

The five arrested on the Squamish-Whistler Highway north of Vancouver are Juliet Belmas, Gerald Hannah, Ann Hansen, Douglas Stewart and Brent Taylor. As well as the robbery conspiracy charge, they face a variety of other charges involving theft of weapons and vehicles.

The jury was shown photographs taken by Corporal Richard Smith of the RCMP of the contents of seven bags found in the back of the canopied brown Chevrolet truck.

Among them were four handguns, including a silver-plated revolver, a shotgun and a semi-automatic rifle. Also shown were pictures of boxes and clips of ammunition, several articles of clothing, a toboggan and snowshoes.

In the bag containing the silver-plated revolver, there was also a pair of orange ear protectors of the type used on shooting ranges. These were later found to have Miss Hansen's fingerprints on them, Cpl. Smith said.

Fingerprints belonging to Mr. Taylor, he said, were identified on three pieces of paper, including a Social Insurance Number application form bearing the name David Denard.

Earlier in the day, the jurors, who are not being sequestered, asked Mr. Justice S. Martin Toy whether he would intercede to excuse them from work during the one week in four that the trial, expected to take four months, will not be in session.

The judge said he would be prepared to write a letter to each of the jurors' employers if each would explain the specific difficulty he might find himself having.

The alternative was to keep the trial going without the week's break, which Judge Toy said would create difficulties for both the prosecution and the defence.

In their letter to the judge, the jurors had also voiced concern about "harassment by co-workers." The judge said he would want to be told about any such occurrence.

Later, the judge cautioned the jury "to be very, very tentative about assuming that the exhibits being entered by the prosecution were 'in the knowledge, possesion and control' " of all the accused equally.

Many of the exhibits were seized from a building on 10th Avenue in New Westminster, where all except Mr. Stewart Lived. Some were seized from Mr. Stewart's home on Windermere Street in Vancouver.

Free The Five

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Plans of Vancouver stores are exhibits in Brink's trial

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NEW WESTMINSTER — Hand-drawn plans of various Vancouver-area shopping centres and department stores were entered in evidence yesterday at the trial of five people accused of conspiring to rob a Brink's truck at a Woolco store in Burnaby.

The five — Juliet Belmas, Gerald Hannah, Ann Hansen, Douglas Stewart and Brent Taylor — also face up to 10 other counts involving theft of weapons and vehicles.

Sergeant Roy Whyte of the RCMP identification section spent yesterday morning entering into evidence for the prosecution more than 30 pieces of paper seized from the accused. As well as the maps, there were notes headed with descriptions of a Brink's guard and times of arrival of Brink's trucks at stores.

In his opening address to the B.C. Supreme Court jury, prosecutor Kevin Gillett said the Crown would enter what he described as "casing notes" into evidence. The dates and times on the notes, he said, coincide with police reports of the location of the accused while they were under surveillance from November, 1982, to January, 1983.

Sgt. Whyte said he had found fingerprints belonging to all of the accused except Mr. Stewart on some of the pieces of paper.

He also submitted as evidence four pieces of identification, including a Metropolitan Toronto Public Library card in the name of Suzanne Milne. A Vancouver transit identification card bearing the same name also bore a photograph of Miss Hansen.